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Let us not return to Cold War, says Yeltsin

CIA mole blamed for up to 10 deaths

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, ANNE MCELVOY AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UP TO ten agents spying for America were executed in Russia after being betrayed by Aldrich Ames, the former CIA agent accused of being a Kremlin mole for nearly a decade, intelligence experts said yesterday.

The deaths of at least two agents have been directly linked to disclosures Mr Ames and officials in America believe the figure may have been as high as ten, although the full extent of his betrayal may never be known.

The human toll of Mr Ames's alleged espionage emerged as America demanded that Moscow remove the two or three agents in its Washington embassy who worked with Mr Ames. It also wants Russian help to assess the damage caused by the CIA's former head of Soviet counter-intelligence.

With billions of dollars in American aid at risk, both Washington and Moscow are anxious not to let the spy scandal damage their newfound friendship. But while the Clinton Administration is under pressure to take a tough stance, Russia is accusing the Americans of over-reacting, pointing out that Western countries were showing no signs of curtailing their intelligence activities in the East.





Maria and Aldrich Ames leaving court after being arraigned on spying charges yesterday

President Yeltsin made no comment on the unmasking of Mr Ames, but his spokesman said: "Returning to the psychology of the Cold War and whipping up distrust and a new wave of spy mania would contradict the ideas of an international partnership for peace."

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, had earlier said that the extent of damage to the relationship between the two countries would depend on Moscow's actions, adding: "The continuation of Russian espionage activities against the United States is unacceptable." The White House said it wanted Russia to remain an economic ally rather than an adversary, but threatened: "If they don't take action, we will."

Detailed demands were issued to the Russian chargé d'affaires in Washington when he was summoned to the State Department for the second time on Tuesday night. At the same time, Thomas Pickering, the American ambassador in Moscow, delivered another formal protest to the Russian foreign ministry.

In Moscow, however, officials sought to play down the damage caused by the arrest of Mr Ames. The Russians are annoyed that the Americans decided to make the case public at all, and one senior foreign ministry official said: "It's quite clear that the partnership that has been established doesn't mean refraining from gathering specific information. Our agents work in the United States and the Americans work in Russia, and that's normal."

The diplomat described the Americans as prone to overemotion and said Russia would be equally capable, if it wanted, to expose American diplomats and Russians working for the CIA. "But we don't do this, and nor, until recently, did the Americans. We don't understand why they had to cast a shadow on relations with Russia."

Oleg Kalugin, a retired KGB general, agreed, saying spying was a fact of life and the scandal should not be over-dramatised. "The Russians caught several spies in Russia. Now the Americans, the FBI, have caught one. So it's *quid pro quo*. That's life."

While Russia's foreign intelligence chief, Yevgeni Primakov, declined to comment, his spokesman cheerfully told reporters: "You can be sure that the Russians were not doing anything in Washington that the Americans were not doing in Moscow."

Moscow's firm intention is to present the case as a mere blip in an otherwise cordial relationship, in spite of the fact that President Clinton's comments on the case indicate that he feels personally betrayed by the revelation, only a month after his high-profile visit to Moscow.

At stake is about $3.5 billion in direct American aid for Russia's economic reforms over the next two years, and the Clinton Administration is already being urged to freeze all cash for two months while the Russian intelligence services co-operated with the investigation being conducted by the National Security Council and the CIA.

Dennis DeConcini, chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said the Administration had to make it very clear to the Russians that "if they continue this kind of operation, it's going to jeopardise future funding".

Privately, White House officials expressed confidence that Russia would meet its demands, but the Administration remains vulnerable to the charge that it has been too accommodating towards Moscow and must take a tough stand to ward off what one official called a "stink in Congress".

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Seven bishops and 700 clergy announce they will join Rome

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN bishops and more than 700 clergy announced yesterday that they are to become Roman Catholics in the wake of the final decision by the Church of England to ordain women priests.

In a joint statement, the bishops, with 712 priests and deacons, said they accepted the authority of the Pope as "Supreme Pastor of the universal church", and intend to seek unity with Rome by "a process of convergence and corporate reunion."

One of the bishops, the Right Rev Richard Rutt, who retired as bishop of Leicester in 1990, said: "As has already been written, the ordination of women is merely the ears of the hippopotamus. It is necessary for the church to speak clearly about moral as well as doctrinal issues, and the only church in which this is happening is the Roman church.

"It does it in spite of a wide diversity of opinion within the church, because it has an authority which is able to speak for the whole church."

A second bishop to sign the statement was the Right Rev Conrad Meyer who retired as Bishop of Dorchester in 1987 and has now resigned from his position as Hon Assistant Bishop in the Truro Diocese. His decision to become a Catholic has already been put forward to the Vatican.

Five of the bishops, including Bishop Rutt, and nearly 600 clergy went even further in the statement, issued on their behalf by the traditionalist grouping Forward in Faith. They said they "believe all that the one holy Catholic and Apostolic (and Roman) church teaches, believes, and professes as revealed truth, and accept the teaching of the second Vatican Council as normative." The statement is the clearest evidence to date that the threat of mass conversions to Rome is real. All the signatories are understood to be retired or suffragan bishops, and none of the 43 diocesan bishops in England has signed it.



Bishop Rutt: 'only Rome speaks clearly'

All diocesan bishops support the church's creation of two "flying bishops" to cater for the needs of traditionalists who wish to remain within the Church of England.

Dr Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, who wishes to become a Catholic and whose case is at present under consideration by the Vatican, is thought not to have signed the document "because he wishes to keep his head below the parapet," according to one source.

The departure of five of the bishops and the 570 clergy could be imminent, with the others leaving over the next few years.

But Anglicans are also predicting that many Catholics will move over to the Church of England, attracted by the ministry of women. About 1,200 women are expected to be ordained priest over the next few months.

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Parliament orders Yeltsin to release coup plotters

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE Russian Parliament yesterday delivered its first serious snub to President Yeltsin by calling for a general amnesty for his enemies who took part in the armed rebellion last October and the coup of August 1991.

Deputies voted by an overwhelming 253-67 for the motion, with only Russia's Choice, the main democratic party, opposing the release of prisoners. They include the former Vice-President Aleksandr Rutskoi and former parliamentary Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the extreme right leader, greeted the vote as "a means to end civil war in Russia", while Yegor Gaidar, head of Russia's Choice, described it as destabilising, claiming that the October rebels would bring groups of militants on to the streets of Moscow "so that more blood is shed".

Vyacheslav Kostikov, President Yeltsin's press secretary, accused parliament of "ruinous politicking". He indicated that the President was likely to ignore the amnesty and refuse to release any prisoners.

Last night, Mr Yeltsin's supporters clamoured to dismiss the vote, saying that only convicted prisoners can be granted an amnesty. This applies neither to the 1991 coup plotters, whose trial is still in progress, nor to activists behind the October uprising in the old Parliament. Their trials have yet to begin.

Vladimir Shumeiko, who heads the upper chamber of Parliament, said that it did not intend to discuss the amnesty, adding: "Only the court can find the ... prisoners guilty or not guilty; it is possible to pardon only those convicted by an official verdict."

This point is a moot one, since the authorities have deliberately delayed trials of opponents and, particularly in the case of the October rebels, appear intent on stretching out the period between arrest and court appearance as long as possible to avoid the danger of demonstrations of public support for them.

But under the Russian constitution, the President does not have the right to veto an amnesty that is declared by Parliament. Mr Gaidar admitted that Mr Yeltsin would have no legal grounds for reversing what he described as "this extremely dangerous decision".

Neither will Mr Yeltsin want to engage this new Parliament in a revived "war of laws" such as defined his strained relations with the old Supreme Soviet and culminated in the October violence.

But the ability of the Duma to muster such a substantial anti-presidential vote, uniting centrists, Communists and nationalists, bodes ill for co-operation with the Kremlin.



Soros: lost $600m on Valentine's Day alone

Minister wanted arms case dropped

BY MICHAEL DYNES AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

PETER Lilley signed a gagging order in the Matrix Churchill trial despite believing that the prosecution would almost certainly fail, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

Mr Lilley, Social Security Secretary, told the enquiry that he believed it was his duty to sign the public interest immunity certificate to protect papers dealing with discussions between ministers and advice from civil servants.

Last night, however, two former prime ministers contradicted the claims of ministers who have told the Scott enquiry that they had a "binding duty" to sign the certificates. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff and Sir Edward Heath said they would never sign gagging orders before reading them and had never been advised by officials to do so.

Mr Lilley said he believed the evidence against the Matrix Churchill defendants was so compromised that he had considered intervening to get Customs officials to drop the case but he had been advised that to intervene would be grossly improper.

Lord Callaghan comments on the affair in a letter in *The Times* today. Sir Edward said that he could not remember ever receiving advice that documents relating to Crown privilege should be signed without deliberation.

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Soros loses Midas touch and $600m

GEORGE Soros, the financier and philanthropist described as "the man who broke the Bank of England" because of his role in forcing the pound out of the ERM, suffered a massive defeat in the currency markets last week, losing more money in one day than he made in his battle against the British Government on Black Wednesday.

Soros Fund Management, which manages about $11 billion belonging to Mr Soros and his clients, lost around $600 million on February 14 alone because of the sudden fall of the dollar against the yen and the plunge in the Japanese stock market after the acrimonious summit meeting between President Clinton and Morihiro Hosokawa.

The Soros company suffered related setbacks in the previous few days, resulting in a total loss of about 9 per cent in the value of its flagship Quantum Fund. Mr Soros and his partners describe the experience as the St Valentine's Day Massacre.

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Schoolboy found dead on pitch

BY ADAM FRESCO

A MURDER enquiry was opened yesterday after the body of a schoolboy was found on a football pitch near a school.

Police were alerted by an anonymous call which directed them to the playing fields near Hamilton Special School, in the Handsworth area of Birmingham. One policeman said they believed that the unidentified boy, in his mid-teens, may have died as a result of a fight with other youths. A spokesman said the body had injuries consistent with a fight.

An hour before the the police were called, Mark Mayhew, 18, a local student who was walking with friends near by, saw someone being dragged across the playing fields. He said: "We noticed a group of youths carrying and dragging another person around. We did not think much of it at the time."

Paris takes le pot shot at franglais

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE has unveiled a long-awaited law designed to turn back the tide of "franglais" at home and combat the supremacy of English as the dominant world language.

When the law takes effect, the language police will crack down with fines, the removal of subsidies and other punishments on anyone using English in advertising, official communications or broadcasting. Radio stations, for example, will no longer be able to refer to their "hit parade" or theatres to their "one-man shows".

Broadcasters will be liable to prosecution for using foreign words if there is a French equivalent. At present such terms are used in abundance, from the common "le job" instead of *emploi* to "le challenge" instead of *le defi*.

The state-run post office bank will have to stop boasting of its "Authentic Revenue" account. All congresses and debates held in France, as well as academic and scientific communications, will have to be be in French, not English as is now common.

The Bill, introduced yesterday, has the support of all political parties and the intellectual classes. It seeks to extend a neglected 1975 decree on the use of French, taking its momentum from the furore last year over the "cultural invasion" of Europe by the American entertainment industry.

Introducing the Bill, Jacques Toubon, the Culture Minister, said his government was seeking to protect the right of the French to be addressed in their own language. "A foreign language often becomes a tool of domination, uniformisation, a factor of social exclusion and, when used snobbishly, a language of contempt," he said.

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Misprint causes enlightened Hogg to get it in the neck

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Division lists from Monday night's debate on lowering the age of homosexual consent give a complete list of those who voted Aye and those who voted No to a common age of 16. MPs voted *in almost* equal numbers for and against this proposal. The five *Mr Evanses* in the Commons — David, Jonathan, John, Nigel *and* Roger — span both main parties. Every one of them voted No. Four of them even voted No to 18. Is there something about being an Evans which makes one a moral conservative?

There's something odd about Hoggs, too. True, in the *nation's bedrooms I hear one* does encounter individuals — *call them AC-DC if you like* — who prefer a little of one *and* a little of the other. But not, surely, in the division lobbies! Monday's *Hansard* brought the disturbing suggestion that, when it comes to whether you *are an Aye or a No*, a Hogg can swing both ways.

Of Douglas Hogg's sexual orientation there can be no doubt. *He is a happily married* man and a Foreign Office minister with nothing, I reckon, to hide. More to the point, Mr Hogg is a decisive politician who makes his views plain, in plain language, and cares little who agrees or disagrees. All the more surprising, then, on Tuesday, to read the division lists for the votes after Monday night's debate. One looked, first, at *the vote on the proposal that* the age of consent should be 16. *Who went into the* Aye lobby? Among the 280 who did, we find the name of Douglas Hogg.

"Good for him!" your sketchwriter thinks, "a man of enlightened views". Having perused the Ayes, I moved to the Noes: those opposed to an age of consent at 16. *Heath, Heseltine, Hicks, Higgins, Hill* ... and what's this? "*Hogg, Rt Hon Douglas*".

That this Hogg swung both ways on Monday night was, I *judged, physically possible but* emotionally unlikely. You *have eight minutes to get into* a division lobby after the vote is called. The normal practice, hallowed by long-established tradition, is that you choose one or the other, but not both. To get out of one lobby and into the other, and be counted *as voting in both, would not be* difficult, but it would be *unusual. You might be ex*posed to comment. Critics might call you indecisive.

So I judged it more likely that Labour's *Norman* Hogg had voted Aye to 16, being wrongly recorded as Douglas; while Hogg, D had voted No.

Sketchwriters have to take *care not to let their personal* views prejudice their assess*ment of MPs. I achieve this by* making small images of the MPs whose views I abhor, out of specially chewed chewing gum, and sticking pins through their necks. I find it really does work, often quite fast. Having arranged for the *discomfiture of my enemies by* supernatural means, I feel *relieved of any temptation to* attempt it more directly through my journalism.

So, on Tuesday night, a pin went through the *Wrigley's* Hogg neck, among others. There was a lot of chewing on Tuesday night.

But yesterday a correction *was published in Hansard.* The name of Hogg, D., was to *be removed, not from the Ayes* but from the Noes. Forgive *me, but I must rush home to* remove the pin. Heaven speed my taxi, and preserve Mr Hogg until I get there!

Redundant soldiers will be replaced by younger recruits

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ARMY recruiting is to be *increased by 20 per cent, with* 12,000 vacancies available from April, it was announced yesterday, as the Defence Ministry confirmed that 7,000 older officers and other ranks are to be made redundant.

Nearly 1,100 will receive compulsory notices. Those serving in Bosnia will be told today. General Sir Michael Wilkes, Adjutant General, declined to say yesterday how many in Bosnia are affected because he did not want to cause anxiety.

Emphasising the need to recruit more young people into the army while the older *ones leave with* redundancy pay, Brigadier Christopher *Elliott, director of army* recruiting, said there were va*cancies for 730 officers and* 11,200 soldiers from April.

General Wilkes said those being made redundant would have 12 months to prepare for civilian employment. Soldiers on the redundancy list who were due for a tour in Bosnia would not be sent.

The latest redundancy package, the third phase in the army's cutback from 156,000 to a new figure of 120,000, brings to almost 17,000 the number of officers and men who will have been made redundant since the manpower reductions began in 1992.

General Wilkes said it was *remarkable that 89 per cent* had been volunteers.

He said this was the last phase of cuts under the Government's Options for Change programme but he refused to predict whether this meant there would be no more manpower reductions in the future. He said the impact of the current Defence Cost Study into streamlining the support services was as yet unknown.

Senior army officers, however, are convinced that the study will bring many more job losses. There are also fears that the generous redundancy payments agreed with the Treasury for the Options for *Change programme will not* be repeated in the future.

*Under the present arrange*ments, soldiers made redun*dant with at least 12 years'* service receive a final grant *and a pension, and a capital* sum equivalent to 18 months' pay tax free.

Under the third phase of redundancies announced in a written Commons answer yesterday by Jeremy Hanley, Minister for the Armed Forces, 720 officers and 6,295 soldiers have been selected to leave the army.

For the first time soldiers as well as officers have had to be issued compulsory notices, because of the need to weed *out older non-commissioned* officers who were no longer *required. A total of 953 sol*diers and 142 officers have been ordered to go. More than 1,600 soldiers who volunteered to leave are to be told they must stay because they come from the wrong age group.

General Wilkes said those made redundant had been chosen "by completely impartial selection boards", who based their judgments on rank, age and speciality, to match the shape of the army's needs for the 1990s. The number of generals was being cut from 70 to 46, a 36 per cent reduction, and 59 brigadiers *and colonels were also on the* list, he said.

*The army yesterday pro*duced a number of officers *and soldiers who had benefit*ed from the assistance and *retraining programmes guar*anteed to all those made redundant.

One was former Brigadier David Chaundler, who left the army last year. Mr Chaundler, 51, said he left the army because he wanted a new challenge and was now enjoying his work as the bursar of Westminster School, London.

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ALAN WELLER



Lilley: signed a gagging order

Clark 'gave firms a nod over arms'

BY MICHAEL DYNES AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

PETER Lilley, the former Trade and Industry Secretary, *told the Scott enquiry into the* arms-to-Iraq affair yesterday *that there was sufficient evi*dence to suggest that Alan *Clark, the former trade minis*ter, may have given machine tool manufacturers a "nod and a wink" to export their equipment in the knowledge that it would be used to make munitions.

During a meeting between Mr Clark and the Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (MTTA) in January 1988, Mr Clark is alleged to have told the companies to stress the civilian uses of their equipment when applying for export licences. Mr Clark has since denied this.

Asked by Presiley Baxendale QC, counsel to the enquiry, whether he knew that Paul Henderson, managing director of Matrix Churchill, had links with the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), Mr Lilley said he knew of Mr Henderson, of Mr Clark's meeting with the MTTA, and the "nod and wink" defence.

Mr Lilley, now the Social Security Secretary, said he *signed a gagging order in the* Matrix Churchill trial despite *believing that the prosecution* "would almost certainly fail".

He said: "I had come to the view from discussions with *officials that the prosecution* would almost certainly fail, and that the chance of a jury convicting in the light of the defendant's links with the security service and the meeting Mr Clark had with the MTTA was very small.

"Regardless of the guilt or innocence of the people involved it seemed to me strange that the case was continuing and I suggested that I write to the head of Customs or the minister responsible to tell them to call it off. It was pointed out to me that this would be grossly improper so I did not do so," Mr Lilley said.

Mr Lilley said that he had assumed the documents the Government did not want disclosed in court would be examined by the judge during the committal proceedings.

'Desperate' Howard in new U-turn over police

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard is set to *announce another climbdown* in his plans to overhaul police*ing in England and Wales.* The Home Secretary is to *abandon a proposal to involve* the lords-lieutenant in the *selection of nominees on police* authorities.

Mr Howard and his advisers were last night trying to find a compromise to defuse a potential rebellion in the Lords over his plan to end local government control of authorities.

Home Office officials have held meetings with local authority representatives after senior lords-lieutenant rebuffed Mr Howard's idea, announced less than a month ago. They expressed opposition to the proposal that they *should help prepare a shortlist* of nominees.

They feared it would drag them into a party-political *battle and undermine their* position as the Queen's per*manent representative in* counties and metropolitan districts of Britain.

Sir Charles Graham, lord lieutenant of Cumbria, said last night: "He only chucked this idea on us in the week before he put it to the Lords. The way it was done showed desperation."

Mr Howard's decision to abandon the plan to involve lords lieutenant in the selection process will cause him much embarrassment. He has retreated already on key parts of plans to overhaul the police *after criticism from* peers led by Viscount *Whitelaw.*

Yesterday he announced *another U-turn in the Govern*ment's law and order policy *with the decision to abandon* the need for judges to have reports before they sentence offenders. The change is the latest in a series of reversals and retreats engineered by Mr Howard and Kenneth Clarke, his predecessor, as they seek to regain the initiative on law and order.

His decision to abandon a measure 17 months after it was introduced was criticised by probation officers and the Magistrates' Association who said they were happy with the requirement that they should have reports before sentencing an offender.

His decision to drop plans to involve lords lieutenant in the selection process for members of police authorities is the most serious rebuff.

He suggested that six regional panels comprising two lords lieutenant and a recruitment consultant would draw up shortlists from which Home Office nominees to authorities would be chosen. The selection procedure was a compromise formula designed to defuse a rebellion in the Lords over a shake-up of police authorities.

Mr Howard has been driven to abandon the plan after several lords lieutenant made clear they were unhappy with the plan and with the manner in which he suggested they should take part.

A Whitehall source said that lords lieutenant would no longer be formally involved in the system but could take part in an individual capacity. "This was only a proposal. We are listening to all sorts of ideas", said the source.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lecturer charged over Semtex find

A man arrested during an anti-terrorist operation two days ago was last night charged with possessing Semtex and conspiring to cause an explosion. Scotland Yard said Feilim Ohadhmaill, who was detained in Accrington, Lancashire, on Monday, would appear at Arbour Square magistrates' court in east London today. A second man arrested in north London in the same operation was still being questioned.

Mr Ohadhmaill, 35, a senior lecturer from Accrington, was arrested during an operation by Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, Lancashire police and MI5. A car packed with about 10lb of explosives, bomb-making equipment, a handgun and ammunition was recovered.

☐ Two Irish people arrested in Wales under the Prevention of Terrorism Act were released without charge yesterday. The man and woman were detained at Pembroke dock port.

Sinn Fein urged to reply

Douglas Hurd last night urged Sinn Fein to use its conference this weekend to give its long-awaited response to the Anglo-Irish peace declaration. The Foreign Secretary said there were no good reasons for further delay, but confirmed there was no formal deadline for Sinn Fein to accept the offer of a place at the negotiations. "The offer is on the table and will stay there," he said. "Whether Sinn Fein join or stay out, we shall want to continue to seek political progress through talks." The next meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference takes place on March 7.

Upset juror halts trial

A murder trial was halted yesterday after a woman juror found the evidence too distressing. A new jury was sworn in to hear the case against Stephen Young, 34, an insurance broker, who denies shooting Harry Fuller, 45, and his wife Nicola, 27, at their home in Wadhurst, East Sussex, in February 1993. Mr Young was facing financial ruin, Michael Lawson QC, for the prosecution, said, but had £6,000 with him the day after the Fullers died; Mr Young said it came from secret savings. Mr Fuller was known to carry large amounts of cash. The trial continues.

Death blaze 'was arson'

A team of 40 detectives is searching for an arsonist responsible for the deaths of three young children in Peterlee, Co Durham. Graham Alderton, 29, and Lisa Alexander, 26, his common-law wife, were in hospital last night after escaping the fire, which destroyed their house and killed Charlotte Alexander, 4, Amy, 3, and Dean, aged one. Det Chief Insp John Graham said a flammable liquid in the hallway was used to start the fire, but he was not aware of a motive for the attack. He said Ms Alexander was pregnant, but not in danger of losing her child.

Privacy laws attacked

New privacy laws would be used to protect politicians and public figures, not ordinary citizens, says an alternative White Paper published by newspaper and broadcasting editors yesterday. The Association of British Editors, the Guild of Editors and the International Press Institute document details 23 stories which would not have appeared had the proposed laws been in place and identifies 46 statutes which already inhibit reporting. A Government White Paper on press regulation is expected in the next few weeks.

Petition wins bail

A newsagent accused of murdering a man who tried to rob him in his shop was yesterday freed on bail after Rochdale magistrates were told that almost 8,000 people had signed a petition in his defence. Paul Blomeley, for the prosecution, said it was clearly a matter of self-defence, which would be "a strong issue of the case". He did not oppose bail. Alan Chadwick, 52, of Rochdale, is accused of stabbing Paul Heap, 22, to death ten days ago with a flick knife, and of attempting to murder Spencer Reeves, 21. Mr Chadwick will appear for committal proceedings in April.

Venables wins reprieve



The England coach Terry Venables, left, won a reprieve in the High Court yesterday when a bid by his former club Tottenham Hotspur and Alan Sugar, its chairman, to wind up one of his companies over a £335,000 debt was adjourned for at least six weeks until all evidence is filed. Mr Venables, 51, has a £1 million contested claim for wrongful dismissal by the club still to be heard.

Bus seatbelts enquiry

The Government is considering making seatbelts compulsory for buses and coaches after last week's crash near Biggar, Strathclyde, in which a 15-year-old boy died, the Commons was told yesterday. Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Office minister, said: "We are looking at this in co-operation with the Department of Transport."

Home prices 'to rise'

Property prices will rise by an average of 7 per cent this year and next, according to John Wriglesworth and Robert Villiers of City brokers UBS. But economic, demographic and psychological factors will prevent a return to a 1980s-style prices boom before the end of the decade. "This implies little real hope of capital gains," Dr Wriglesworth said.

Channel 4 reprimanded

The makers of Channel 4's *The Word* have been ordered to apologise on air for broadcasting a "grossly offensive and wholly unacceptable" remark by the American actor Alexis Arquette. The Independent Television Commission has banned Channel 4 from saying what the remark was. The station is to improve its guidance to guests on live shows.

Ex-miners jobless, a year on

ALMOST half of the miners made redundant when Grimethorpe colliery in South Yorkshire closed are still out of work nearly a year later, a report published yesterday says. Of those who have found another job, the vast majority are earning £65 a week less than they did at British Coal.

The study is the first detailed account of what has happened to miners since the latest pit closure programme which has left British Coal with just 17 working pits.

The Coalfield Communities Campaign interviewed 164 miners who had all worked an average 13 years at Grimethorpe, which stopped production in October 1992 and closed last March. The study found that 44 per cent of the men were still unemployed. The rest had found another job or set up their own business, although most of these were on lower wages.

The campaign said that 85 per cent of former miners at Grimethorpe were worse off since the colliery, famous for its band and which once employed almost 1,000 men, shut.

Average take-home pay at Grimethorpe was £217 a week. *Two-thirds of those now* working take home less than when *the pit was open.*

The report's author, Nigel Guy, said: "A downward spiral of local economic decline will set in unless there is a dramatic improvement in employment prospects in the area." Miners were feeling angry and bitter about the pit's closure.

Fighting mars protest

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FIGHTING broke out during a student demonstration when protesters tried to march on Parliament yesterday afternoon.

Thousands of students, *members of the Anti-Nazi* League and Socialist Workers *Party, some wearing balacla*vas, marched along an agreed route through the West End to the Imperial War Museum.

As the 6,500 protesters reached the junction of Waterloo bridge and The Strand fighting broke out as one group tried to push on to the House of Commons. The planned march was in protest at cuts to student grants and reductions in further-education funding.

Brian Rogers, 27, said: "There was a strong feeling *that there was going to be* trouble from the outside ele*ments who were trying to take* over the march. The trouble started when people got to the bottom of Kingsway and tried to turn right. Some protesters managed to get through the cordon but as soon as there was a concerted move to march down The Strand the police moved in."

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NHS reforms 'have not improved quality'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
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THE upheaval caused by the NHS reforms has produced no noticeable gains in the quality of care or efficiency with which it is delivered, according to the most detailed analysis yet.

The introduction of the NHS market *three years ago, with competition among* hospitals, has not increased patient choice *or improved the availability of services. It* has increased administrative costs: official figures show that administrative and clerical staff rose by 10 per cent between 1989 and 1991. However, the report by the Kings Fund Institute, the leading independent NHS think-tank, published yesterday, says the full effects of the reforms have not yet been felt. With the market mechanisms in place there is "potential for real gains over the next few years".

The findings, based on seven research studies, suggest that GP fundholding is one of the success stories. Patients of GP *fundholders have shorter waiting times* and can get X-rays and blood tests more *quickly. "It has produced some major* benefits, most notably in the form of *hospital responsiveness to GPs' views,"* the report says. Concerns that patients of non-fundholding GPs are losing out, creating a two tier service, are confirmed by the research but the authors say this is a transitional problem. If most or all GPs become fundholders, as the Government plans, it will disappear.

Competition between NHS trusts is wider than commonly thought, the report says, but patients have so far seen few benefits. Choice of consultant or hospital *has not improved for patients, although* many say they want it. Among GPs, 75 per cent said the reforms had made no difference to the choices available to them and 17 per cent that choices had been reduced. Among fundholders, 40 per cent said their choices had increased.

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JPs face costs for snubbing appeal

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MAGISTRATES who jailed a peace campaigner were yesterday ordered to pay costs estimated at £10,000 after the High Court criticised them for not treating her appeal seriously.

The unusual order for costs, a sign of the court's disapproval, was made in an action brought by Lindis Percy, a health visitor and midwife, of Heaton, Bradford, who served nine days of a 14-day sentence imposed at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, in October 1992.

Ms Percy, a Quaker, had refused to be bound over for climbing a perimeter fence and trespassing at RAF Alconbury. In January last year, the magistrates refused to give full reasons for their decision so that Ms Percy could appeal against it in the High Court.

Yesterday Lord Justice Balcombe, sitting with Mr Justice Schiemann, ordered them to supply a written statement of the facts found. He said Ms Percy's application was certainly not frivolous and the magistrates had failed to treat it with the seriousness which justice demanded.

Judge attacks jury for clearing man of wounding charge

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most controversial circuit judges in Britain caused an outcry yesterday when he criticised his jury for clearing a man of malicious and unlawful wounding.

Judge Prosser, sitting at Swansea Crown Court, said he thought the defendant, Tony Lewis, 31, was guilty of the offence and was "baffled" by the jury's verdict. The jury had convicted Lewis of the lesser offence of assault causing actual bodily harm.

Sentencing Lewis to an 18-month conditional discharge, the judge said: "How they came to this decision has baffled me. If the jury had found you guilty of the Section 20 offence, which in my view you were, you would have gone to prison. But they convicted you of the lesser offence — why, I will never know."

John Bowyer, one of the jurors, said he would be writing to the Lord Chancellor to complain about the judge's remarks.

"It isn't for the judge to turn round and say he thinks a man is guilty of an offence when he's just been cleared by the jury. It's the whole point of the British justice system that the jury makes the decision about someone's guilt or innocence — not the judge." Mr Bowyer, of Mumbles, West Glamorgan, is contacting other members of the jury to ask them to sign his letter of complaint.

Yesterday Roger Ede, secretary to the Law Society's criminal law committee, said the judge was "trespassing on the preserve of the jury. It is not the judge's job to express a view on guilt or innocence — that is for the jury and the judge has no part to play in the process."

Not only were such comments misplaced but they "sent out the wrong signals" to potential jurors. "These jurors, sitting on other cases, or other people who become jurors and read these remarks may be intimidated from bringing in verdicts of not guilty if they feel that might dispose the judge to criticise them."

He added that the Government felt intimidation of jurors to be sufficiently serious to warrant the creation of an offence to cover it, punishable with up to five years' imprisonment, which is included in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill now going through Parliament.

"All of this goes to show that jurors must be left to do their job without feeling under pressure by people outside the jury, and that includes the judge," Mr Ede said. The judge should not express any views at all, he added. "It is important that the judge displays no bias in words or his general demeanour."

Judge Prosser, a circuit judge for six years, hit the headlines in February last year for freeing a 15-year-old rapist on probation and telling him to give his victim £500 to pay for a good holiday.

In October last year Judge Prosser rejected a claim for repetitive strain injury by Rafiq Mughal, a journalist with the news agency Reuter, remarking that "eggshell personalities" were prone to complain of the condition, which had "no place in the medical books", was meaningless and served only to confuse.

A year earlier, Judge Prosser ordered a soccer player accused of breaking an opponent's jaw to study videos of former England player Gary Lineker to pick up tips on sportsmanship.

Yesterday Judge Prosser refused to comment on Mr Bowyer's complaint.

A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department said that it had not yet received a letter but if one came in, it would be considered. He could not comment on the propriety of judges disagreeing publicly with their jurries' verdicts.

CARL RUTHERFORD



"He is my hero", says Louise Crocker, 12, of her rescuer, Andrew Paice, 14

Blizzards close roads and schools in North

BY ADAM FRESCO

BLIZZARDS brought chaos to thousands of travellers yesterday as up to 6in of snow fell in some areas of the country. Worst hit was the North West of England, where police appealed to motorists to make only essential journeys.

In Lancashire dozens of minor roads were blocked as drivers abandoned their cars and many motorways were affected by what police described as horrendous conditions. The M65, M61 and M58 were the worst hit.

A lorry skidded across the southbound M6 south of Lancaster leaving it virtually impassable and a 20mph speed limit was imposed on parts of the motorway.

In North Wales more than 300 schools closed after 6in of snow fell. Emergency supplies of road salt and grit were brought in from Cheshire as stocks became depleted. In Cumbria some towns were almost cut off by snow drifts several feet deep.

A road tunnel was closed on the Birmingham inner ring road after 15in icicles hanging from the roof threatened to fall on cars. Six inches of snow covered parts of Shropshire and dozens of schools in the county were forced to close.

Lanes on the M62 across the Pennines were closed. The postponement of Manchester United's Coca-Cola Cup semi-final match against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough spared nearly 8,000 United fans a journey across the Pennines.

The snow also blocked rail tracks and forced some flights and ferries to and from Northern Ireland to be delayed or suspended. The Midlands, Yorkshire, Wolverhampton and parts of Wales were all stricken.

In the South seven people, including an 18-month-old baby, were injured in an accident on the M40 in Oxfordshire. Snow also caused the cancellation of the first day of hare-coursing's premier event, the Waterloo Cup, at Altcar, near Southport, Lancashire.

The London Weather Centre said the snow would turn to rain by the weekend.

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McDonald's told to alter seating after boy's death

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE McDonald's fast-food chain was yesterday told to change children's seating arrangements after an inquest jury in Birmingham heard how a 23-month-old boy died after falling over a booster seat at a party last October.

Returning a verdict of accidental death on Thomas Firkin after a children's party at McDonald's in Lichfield, Staffordshire, the jury foreman said the seats should be withdrawn.

Dr Richard Wittington, the coroner, urged McDonald's to re-consider its seating arrangements at 500 branches throughout the country and introduce soft play areas for parties.

The jury foreman said: "We feel that the booster seat should be withdrawn until a time when a new type is designed. We feel while it is still being used, there is a possibility there could be another fatality."

Following an investigation by Lichfield environmental health officers, McDonald's has issued notices advising parents that booster seats are suitable only for use on adult benches — to raise a child to table height — and should not be used on the floor. A spokesman said yesterday the company was studying the coroner's suggestions for softer flooring.



Thomas Firkin: at the birthday party

Judith and Peter Firkin, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, who underwent fertility treatment for seven years before Thomas's birth, said yesterday they were considering legal action against the food company.

Mrs Firkin told the inquest her son had been playing happily when the accident occurred on October 17. "I was watching him and he seemed to stand up and move the chair closer to me," she said. "It looked as if he went to sit down, but leant back and he went over the back of the chair."

Later, Thomas stopped breathing as he lay in his cot. She said: "I went to check him and he was face down in the cot, which was unusual. I checked to see if he was breathing and he was not. I turned him over and he was blue."

Her son died the following day — 12 days before his second birthday — at the Good Hope hospital, Sutton Coldfield, where he was born. Dr David Rushton, the pathologist, said the child died after his brain swelled due to the head injury.

McDonald's has issued new instructions to staff taking children's party bookings. From next month it will introduce confirmation cards which advise parents on how they can help to make sure parties are safe.

HIV test for victim of attack

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A WOMAN motorist was yesterday given a blood test in case of HIV infection after being bitten as thieves tried to rob her in her car on a London street.

Joanna Ledwidge, 40, an accountant, was driving home from work when two thieves opened the doors of her Alfa Romeo in Shepherds Bush, west London as she waited in traffic. During a struggle, one of the two men, possibly as young as 16, bit her. The other punched her in the shoulder. They ran off with the handbag, stealing £10 cash and credit cards.

There has been a series of attacks on motorists in the area, including round the A40/Westway where roadworks have caused traffic jams.

Det Sgt Steve Lawrence said: "The first youth bit her earlobe and her cheek and the other one punched her on the left shoulder. Her skin was broken during the attack and she is battered and bruised."

Boy crawls over ice to save girl

BY KATE ALDERSON

A BOY aged 14 risked his life yesterday when he crawled 60 yards on his stomach across a frozen lake at Hemlington, Cleveland, to rescue a 12-year-old girl who had fallen through the ice.

Andrew Paice was pulled into the water by Louise Crocker in her panic but managed to calm her and drag her out. He said afterwards that television programmes about rescues had taught him how to save the girl.

He heard Louise screaming after she had fallen through the ice while retrieving a football. Andrew, who was snowballing with friends, made his way over the ice while one of his friends called the emergency services.

"I did not have time to be frightened," said the schoolboy from Hemlington. "I couldn't just let her drown. I was walking on the ice at first but then I heard a man shouting at me to crawl. I always watch the TV programme *999* and I remembered a similar rescue on that. When I reached her I talked to her to try to calm her down like they do on the telly. I think that helped."

Louise, who was treated for shock and effects of the cold, said: "It was horrible. I was getting cold and crying but then I saw Andrew. He is my hero."

A police spokesman said Andrew and Bernard Jenkins, the man who advised him not to walk across the frozen lake, would be recommended for bravery awards.

☐ In Stockton, Cleveland, an eight-year-old girl's screams saved her brother from drowning. James Close, 4, fell into the icy water of a lake and his sister, Catherine, waded in while yelling for the help. Michael Jones and Alan Fawbert, gardeners, dived in and rescued the boy.

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Brush-off led to home being painted blue

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A JILTED teenager who painted her boy friend's house blue when she learnt he was having an affair with her sister was yesterday ordered to pay him £1,000 compensation, but said she did not regret her actions.

Victoria Carr, 18, became angry when she heard that Marcus Brooks, 33, had dropped her and returned to his former love, her sister Emma, 20. Carr last month admitted causing £3,149 damage to the home she had shared with Mr Brooks in Honiton, Devon.

Yesterday she was conditionally discharged for a year, bound over to keep the peace for a year in the sum of £100 and ordered to pay £45 costs.

Carr had splashed blue gloss paint on the carpets, furniture, walls, curtains, bedclothes, television and telephone and used it to write "You will wish you had never messed with me" on the walls. She glued his compact discs to their cases and gave his plants weedkiller.

John Dolton, the chairman of magistrates, told Carr: "We realise there was considerable provocation but we cannot send out the message that people can go round doing this sort of thing if they have fallen out with their boy friend."

Commenting on the sentence, Carr said: "I supposed I deserved it really. It could have been worse. We had been decorating and the paint was still there. I just went berserk with the paintbrush."

Husband 'saw red'

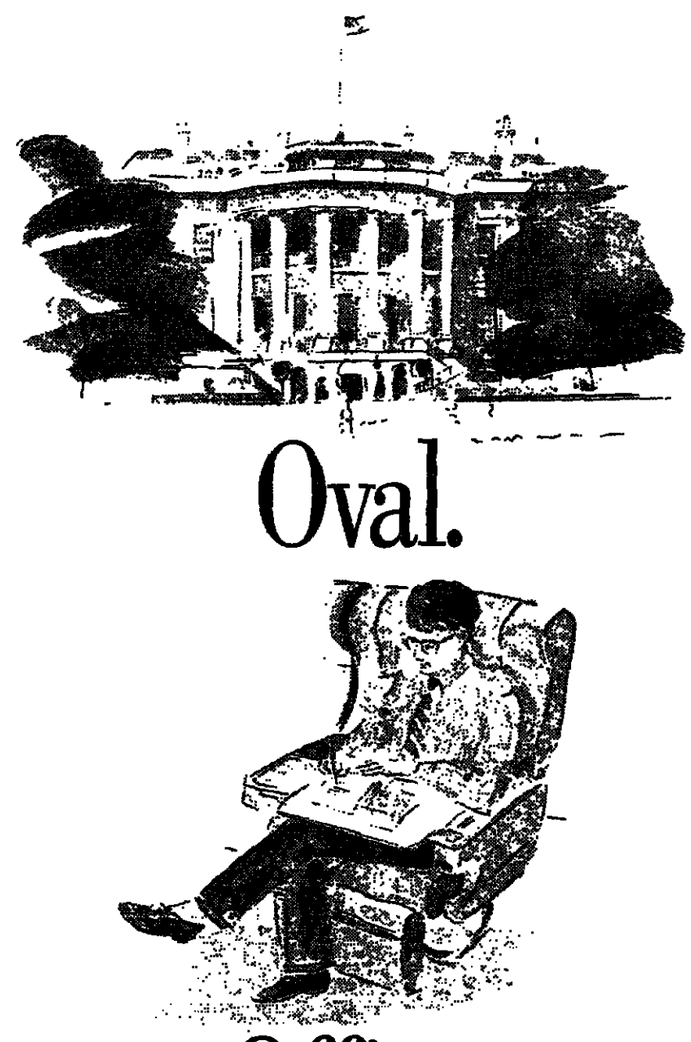
BY RICHARD DUCE

A COMPANY director assaulted a man and jumped up and down on his Jaguar car after discovering he was having an affair with his wife, a court was told yesterday.

Douglas Staples confronted his wife and her business partner, David Thompson, in the bar of a Hampshire tennis club. He allegedly knocked him off his stool and then caused £3,000 damage to the car by jumping on its roof.

Mr Staples, 44, of Newbury, Berkshire, denies assaulting Mr Thompson, 42, in June last year and causing damage to his car. He is alleged to have told police: "I remember walking into the bar and seeing Thompson with my wife. I saw red and slapped my wife. Thompson fell off his stool."

Mr Thompson, of Finchampstead, Berkshire, admitted he began an affair with Lynn Staples, 39, after they worked together at a marketing firm. She left the firm to set up her own business, of which Mr Thompson became a part-time director. The incident is alleged to have occurred when the pair met to discuss business. The trial continues.



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Violent sportsmen should face the courts, report says

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

TOUGHER laws to penalise violence in sport are needed, the Government was told yesterday. Proposals from the Law Commission could put football players who commit fouls or fast bowlers who severely injure batsman before the criminal courts.

The commission says boxing and the martial arts are special cases and calls on Parliament to decide whether such sports should continue to be lawful.

With the number of sporting injuries on the increase, the Law Commission says there may be a case for making reckless as well as intentional injury in sport a criminal offence. Proper and healthy sporting activity must not be inhibited, it says, but the view adopted by the law at present — that sport is not an excuse or cloak for gratuitous violence — must be reinforced.

"Even if an activity is in the form of a sport, that cannot be allowed to inhibit the criminal law from holding that the rules of that sport permit unreasonably dangerous conduct," the commission said in a consultation paper. Comment is invited on the proposals by June 30.

Yesterday Edward Grayson, a barrister who is a sports law specialist, said that the proposed offence was unnecessary. "The law already covers recklessness and has stood the test of time for some 120 years. Recently one or two law lords have voiced doubts about the clarity of the law, but in my view it has worked well."

The only benefit of a new law, he added, might be to "bring home to the sporting public and sports' governing bodies that the law of the land does not stop at the touchline or the balcony".

Under the proposals, players could be deemed reckless if they took unreasonable risks. The problem would be in defining what an "unreasonable" risk was in the context of sport. The commission suggests that it would be for the jury to decide. But factors to be taken into account might include whether the injury was inflicted in the course of play or "off the ball" and the experience of the player and his understanding of the rules of the game.

Courts might find that professional players who foul had taken unreasonable risks. The offence could apply to injuries resulting from elbowing while jumping for the ball in football or during a ruck in rugby, the commission says.

A fast-bowler who injured a batsman would be risking criminal liability "because above a certain level of hazard, the consent or connivance of the victim is no defence," the commission says.

Mr Justice Brooke, chairman of the Law Commission, said: "To what extent should the criminal law protect those who are willing that injury should be inflicted on them? This is the question to which we are seeking answers."

The review is part of a wider study of the law on how far consent applies to offences of violence. The Commission says the essence of assault is that it is committed contrary to the will of the victim. But if a victim consents, it asks whether that is a defence to a charge of assault.

Until now, the law has assumed that consent is a defence where the injury was not intended or was not likely to happen. The House of Lords recently ruled in Operation Spanner, the case of the sado-masochists jailed for acts of genital torture with consent, that consent was no defence. But the Commission questions whether the rule should be so strict.

☐ *Consent and Offences Against the Person, Consultation Paper No 134* (HMSO; £5.95).



Victims of tough games played aggressively: Gary Curtis, Gary Mabbutt and Philip de Glanville

Players wounded in action

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

INJURIES this winter to Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham Hotspur defender, and Philip de Glanville, the England centre three-quarter, are examples of those that have caused concern to the Law Commission.

The two men might claim that their injuries were caused through reckless play. Mabbutt received seven fractures to his cheekbone and eye socket when he was caught by the elbow of John Fashanu, the Wimbledon striker, during the Premiership match at White Hart Lane on November 24. Tottenham complained to the Football Association but its commission of enquiry decided after studying a video of the incident not to charge Fashanu, who said the clash was an accident.

The incident led to the Professional Footballers' Association starting a campaign against players using the elbow as they jump together for the ball. Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the players' union, said: "If we are not careful, someone will get a really serious injury."

De Glanville was almost blinded when an All Black stamped on the South-West player as he lay on the ground in the match at Redruth in October. Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, considered it "dangerous play and beyond the bounds of acceptable conduct". The New Zealand management said it was "an unfortunate incident". Their captain, Sean Fitzpatrick, said the team was not "going to hold off in a ruck just because a player is lying there".

Rugby Union has frequently involved violent incidents that have led to court cases. In 1992, Gary Rees, a former England international, was charged with assaulting Stefan Marty, the London Irish captain, after an incident on the pitch. He was found not guilty.

This week, Ian Russell, a Royal Navy physical training instructor, was convicted of assaulting Gary Curtis, a second-row forward with Havant, during a match. Curtis needed two operations to his face and Russell was ordered by a court martial to pay him £1,500, given four months' detention and reduced in rank to able seaman.

Even cricket would not be immune if the law changes. During the 1932-33 "bodyline" series, bowlers Harold Larwood and Bill Voce were accused of attempting to intimidate the Australian batsmen by aiming at them.



Larwood in 1932: would he have faced prosecution?

Victims of abuse error cannot sue

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

FAMILIES wrongly accused of child abuse by local authority psychiatrists and social workers cannot sue the council for damages, the appeal court ruled yesterday.

Three judges dismissed a mother's plea for the right to bring legal action against a social worker and psychiatrist who mistakenly diagnosed her four-year-old daughter as the victim of sexual abuse by her boy friend.

The girl, now aged ten, was placed with foster parents but eventually returned to her mother 12 months later when the error was discovered.

In a test case, the court upheld a High Court decision that the mother and her daughter cannot claim compensation for psychological damage caused by the separation. The proposed legal action was to be against the London borough of Newham, Newham Health Authority and an unnamed child psychiatrist.

The appeal judges held that breach of statutory duty by an authority in carrying out its public functions cannot give rise to a private damages claim by the individuals affected. Nor can a common law negligence action be brought, because authorities and employees do not owe a sufficient "duty of care" to individuals.

The Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, said statutory duties imposed on local authorities must be competently and conscientiously performed. But there was nothing in law to say they were enforceable by individuals.

Lord Justice Staughton said: "If a new duty of local authorities is established in these appeals, I do not doubt that many claims will be brought, placing further strain on an already stretched system."

The girl from Newham, east London, had named her abuser, who had the same first name as her mother's boy friend and had previously lived at their address. When the mother attempted to raise the matter with the psychiatrist and the social workers, they wrongly thought she was attempting to persuade the child to retract the allegations against her boy friend.

A year later, during proceedings to have the mother's recently-born baby made a ward of court because of her previous history, she saw the transcript of the interview with her daughter and was able to point out the mistake.

In another case involving similar legal issues, the court dismissed appeals brought by the Official Solicitor on behalf of five children for the right to sue Bedfordshire County Council over its alleged failure to protect them from years of neglect and abuse.

Climber's body is recovered

BY ANDREW COLLIER

MOUNTAIN rescue teams and an RAF Sea King helicopter working in blizzard conditions yesterday recovered the body of the sixth climber to die on Scotland's hills since the weekend.

The mountaineer was one of two people who died in the Five Fingers Gully area of Ben Nevis on Tuesday. He was later named as Kevin Mulroy, 29, a nurse from Edinburgh. The other climber killed on the mountain was Brian Boot, 27, from Upton, Chester. Both were out separately with companions when they became disorientated.

They are thought to have strayed from the recognised path on the descent and fallen into the 1,500ft gully.

In both cases the alarm was raised by the men's climbing companions. Mr Boot's body was recovered on Monday night, but bad weather meant the body of the second mountaineer could not be brought down until yesterday.

The fatalities take the total number of deaths on Ben Nevis alone since the weekend to four. Two climbers were killed when they tumbled 1,000 ft into Minus One Gully on Saturday. Another two mountaineers died on the same day when they fell 600 ft while roped together on Lochnagar near Balmoral.

Male bats abreast of the times

BY NICK NUTTALL

A COLONY of male fruit bats which produce milk naturally and apparently suckle their young has been discovered in Malaysia. The discovery, thought to be the first such finding among wild and healthy male mammals, is reported in the British journal *Nature*.

It followed the capture of 18 Dayak fruit bats, *Dyacopterus spadiceus*, of which 13 were males and five females, in Malaysia's Krau game reserve. All the mature males had descended testes as well as mammary glands that were producing milk. Among the females, only one was making milk.

The males of some severely in-bred domestic animals have been known to produce milk, as have men with hormonal imbalances. But there is no evidence of diseases or ill health in the Dayak bats, says the team of Canadian and American scientists based at Boston University and Rhode Island College.

The scientists plan to study the various hormone levels of the bats as well as their social set-up. It may be that adults of the species are monogamous and share equally in raising the young or that the males are "new bats", staying at home while the females pop out to catch food.

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Appeal court told integrity of officers who testified in Belfast now fatally undermined

Hill confessed to murder 'after hours of intimidation'

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

NEW evidence of a police conspiracy to pervert the course of justice during the investigation into the 1974 IRA Guildford pub bombing was revealed yesterday on the first day of Paul Hill's appeal against a life sentence for a separate murder conviction.

The High Court in Belfast heard that detectives had acted with serious impropriety in interviews and one firearms officer allegedly pointed a gun into Hill's cell at Guildford police station.

Hill, 39, who is one of the Guildford Four, is appealing against his 1975 conviction for the murder of Brian Shaw, a former British soldier, in Belfast in 1974. He was freed on bail in 1989 after the Court of Appeal quashed his convictions for the IRA pub bombings in Guildford and Woolwich.

Hill confessed to taking part in the murder of Mr Shaw to RUC detectives who questioned him while in custody at Guildford police station in November 1974.

Lord Gifford QC, counsel for Hill, told the court yesterday that the confession was unsafe because he had been reduced to a wreck by detectives from Surrey who had interviewed him over the pub bombing. Lord Gifford said Hill was "subjected to threats, acts of intimidation, deprivation of sleep and food".

After 24 hours of questioning at Guildford police station he was ready to agree to any suggestion or allegation put to him by police officers, Lord Gifford said. He was taken to an interview room where he signed a written statement confessing to taking part in the murder of Mr Shaw.

However, Lord Gifford said Hill had no knowledge of the crime and had played no part in it. His counsel told the court that evidence given by Surrey officers to Hill's trial in Belfast for the murder of Mr Shaw was "fatally undermined". A seven-year investigation by Avon and Somerset police had produced damaging new evidence.

Lord Gifford said: "Of the 13 Surrey officers who formed the various interview teams only three escaped unscathed. There is evidence that ten were guilty of or party to serious impropriety particularly in the re-writing of handwritten notes and the presentation of that as being contemporaneous. The effect of that extent of malpractice ... must inevitably lead the court to conclude that the integrity of English officers who testified in Belfast and whose honesty was much relied upon ... is now fatally undermined."

He said evidence had also come to light that while Hill was in custody in Guildford a firearms officer had pointed a gun through his cell door. "He had subsequently been heard to boast of his deed."

Lord Gifford said there was no doubt that Hill's appeal against his conviction for the murder of Mr Shaw would have been quashed if it had within the jurisdiction of English courts. However, he stressed that the appeal did not belittle the tragedy of Mr Shaw's murder.

He said: "His death was a tragedy for his family and friends and it was the first of many tragic occurences that were to occur in relation to this case. There were innocent victims of a terrible crime and there were innocent victims of a terrible miscarriage of justice."

Sir Brian Hutton, the Lord Chief Justice, told Hill his bail conditions would continue throughout his appeal and he was free to leave the court at the end of each day.

The hearing, which is expected to last several weeks, continues today.

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Paul Hill and his wife Courtney Kennedy surrounded by TV crews outside the High Court in Belfast yesterday

Kennedy clan draws the world's media

BELFAST'S heavily fortified High Court yesterday played host to seven members of America's Kennedy family who had flown over for the start of Paul Hill's appeal (Nicholas Watt writes).

The clan, which was led by Courtney Kennedy, President Kennedy's niece, who married Mr Hill last year, sat together on the front bench. Ms Kennedy, wearing a black suit with gold buttons, was flanked by her brother, Congressman Joe Kennedy, and his wife, Beth. Next to him sat his mother, Ethel, and three of his sisters.

Members of the family arrived for the hearing yesterday looking bewildered as their chauffeur-driven car was ringed by scores of television crews and journalists. After the day's hearing, Congressman Kennedy gathered his family on the court steps and said that the eyes of the world were on the United Kingdom's legal system. He hoped that "one terrible wrongful act does not condemn one innocent man". The eyes of the world will have little difficulty in watching Mr Hill's appeal. The three major US television stations have sent crews and reporters. Journalists from New York, Boston and Philadelphia packed the press gallery. Amnesty International led a contingent of human rights organisations and Chris Mullin, the Labour MP who campaigned for the release of the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six, was also an observer.

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Father 'kicked to death by vandals'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A FATHER of three was kicked to death by a gang of vandals after he reprimanded them for damaging a traffic bollard, Cardiff Crown Court was told yesterday.

Les Reed, a retired steel worker with a heart condition, and his friend Philip Tull, both 46, were attacked on a housing estate as they walked home from an evening at a social club and saw youths kicking the bollard at a pedestrian crossing.

John Griffith Williams QC, prosecuting, said Mr Reed, who died from head injuries, and Mr Tull, who survived with serious injuries, were victims of mindless and brutal violence.

He said nine members of a gang from the Ely estate had been drinking and were roaming the area on June 11 last year.

The jury was told the men spotted the youths kicking at the bollard and approached them. Some of the gang walked off, but two stayed. When Mr Tull remarked "that was a stupid thing to do" they called the others back and the attack took place.

Four youths deny joint charges of murdering Mr Reed, the attempted murder of Mr Tull, and causing Mr Tull grievous bodily harm. Two 17-year-olds cannot be named for legal reasons.

Their co-defendants are Michael Mundell, 20, and Stephen James, also 20, both of Ely.

Mr Tull told the court: "Les told them to pack it in. I told them they had done enough damage. Then they said they were going to do to us the same as they had done to the crossing."

The court was told that neighbours heard shouts of: "Let's go and kill the bastards," and "I'm going to kill him."

The case continues.

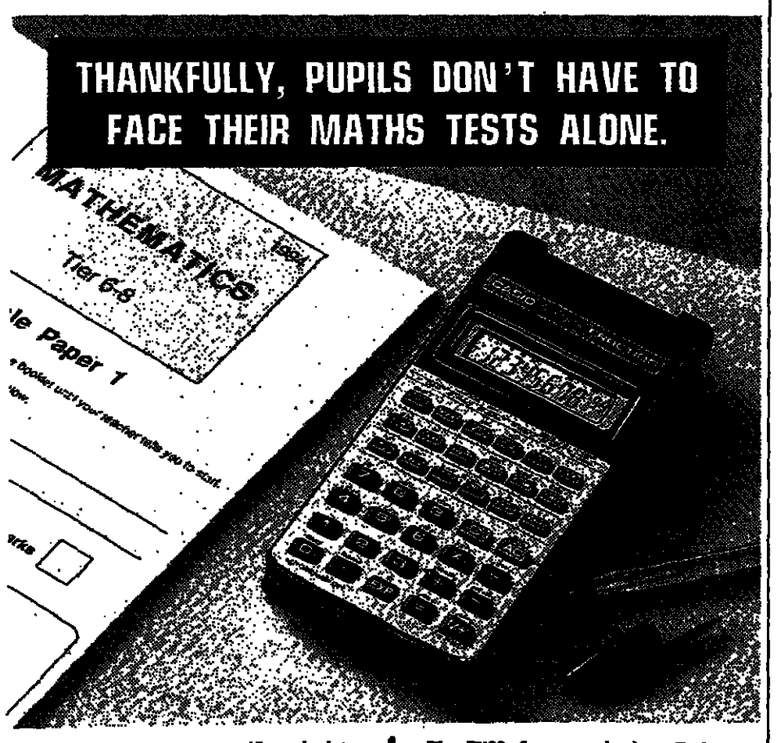
Home alone mother on probation

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN who admitted leaving her three children aged 9 to 15 alone at home for five weeks while she went on holiday was yesterday put on probation for a year.

The woman, aged 34, admitted neglecting and abandoning the children in Ramsgate between July 16 and August 16 last year. Social services were alerted when the eldest child called on a neighbour after food and money had run out, Ramsgate magistrates were told.

Officials found the nine-year-old boy and his sisters aged 13 and 15 had only potatoes to eat. The boy had been staying with a neighbour but was returned when he became disruptive. The woman, who may not be identified, said she asked social services for help before going away and she believed her daughters were old enough to look after themselves.



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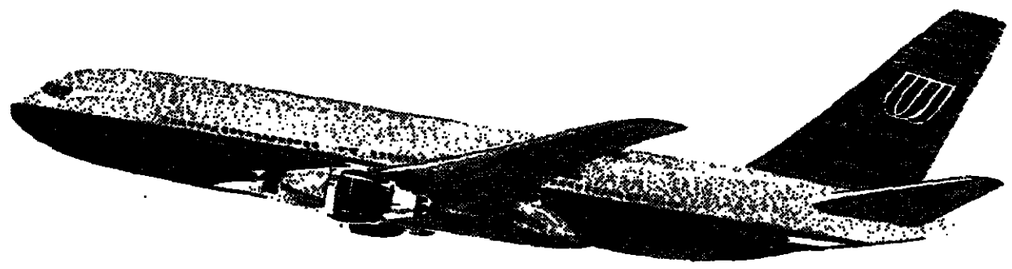
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Pupil exodus means lowest school fees increase for decade

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

INDEPENDENT schools intend to set their lowest increase in fees for more than a decade to help ensure that next month's tax increases do not force pupils to leave.

Numbers dropped by 1.5 per cent last year, largely due to a continuing decline in the popularity of boarding. The schools responded by restricting the average fee rise to 4.5 per cent, and this autumn's increase is expected to be lower still.

Bursars are forecasting an average fee rise of about 3 per cent, and some boarding schools are even considering a freeze to stem their losses. Building projects may be postponed and staffing levels trimmed to keep fees down.

Michael Oakley, the chairman of the Independent Schools' Bursars Association, said: "There may be some reconsideration because the teachers' pay settlement was slightly higher than expected, but most schools seem to be trying to keep the increase to around 3 per cent.

"They recognise that our customers are being squeezed from both ends, as fees rise faster than inflation and tax increases reduce their disposable incomes."

Teachers were awarded rises of 2.9 per cent for the coming year and salary increments will add significantly to the pay bill. Salaries account for more than 80 per cent of the schools' costs.

If the schools proceed as planned, fee rises in 1994-5 may keep pace with inflation for the first time since the 1970s. But spokesmen for the sector have warned that a renewed threat to the schools' charitable status from the Labour Party could be costly.

Labour dropped a commitment to review the charity concessions on the eve of the last election. But Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, has told the Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS) that the issue is being reconsidered.

In an interview in the *ISIS Magazine*, Mrs Taylor includes a review of charity law in a package of proposals. Labour would abolish the Assisted Places Scheme, which provides support for children from low-income families, and make the national curriculum compulsory for the independent sector.

Recognition as educational charities is worth more than £40 million to independent schools. Fees would rise by an estimated 8 per cent if the concession was removed.

David Woodhead, the national director of ISIS, said: "Mrs Taylor's views take her party several steps backwards. Charitable status and assisted places are two sides of the same coin, helping to make independent education accessible to people who couldn't otherwise afford it."

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Parents 'set sights too low'

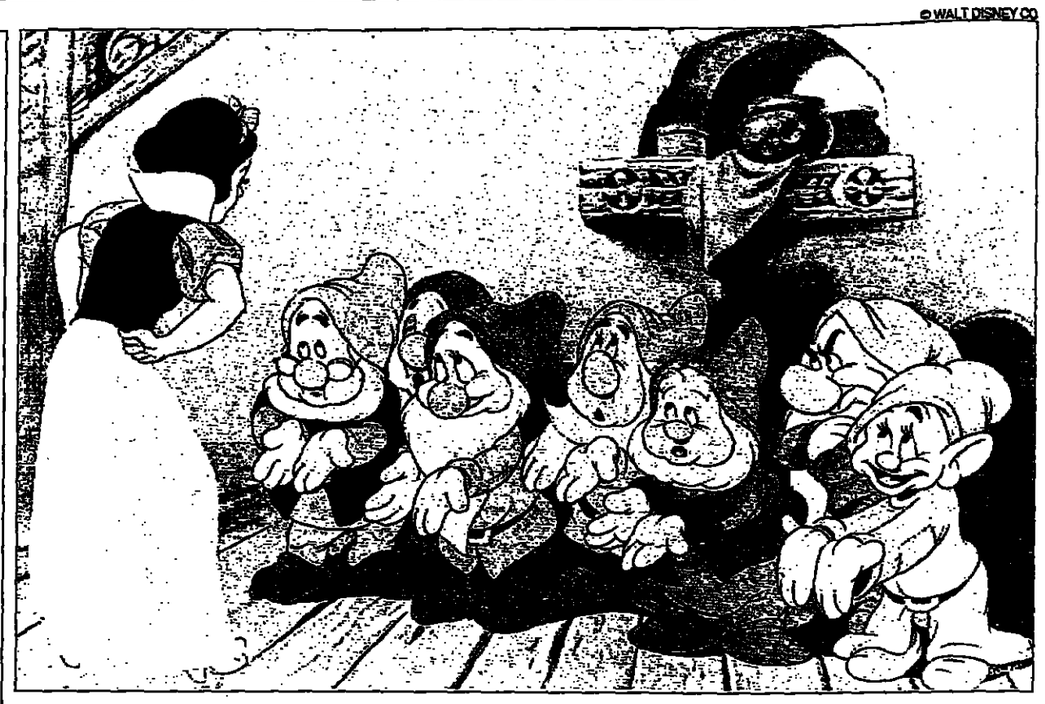
BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

PARENTS expect too little of schools, ministers and school inspectors believe.A happy atmosphere can hide under-achievement, Baroness Blatch, the education minister, said yesterday.

"Good staff-pupil relationships need to produce educational gain. This point is particularly important in primary schools where, sometimes, the concern of parents and teachers that small children should be happy leads pupils to be insufficiently challenged."

Professor Stewart Sutherland, of the education standards watchdog Ofsted, told a London conference held by Cambridge Educational Associates that parents should be better informed about what to expect, otherwise they would "be shocked by the news that their school is failing. They will jump to defend their school, not least because acceptance that their child attends a school providing a poor education is a reflection on them as well as on the school."

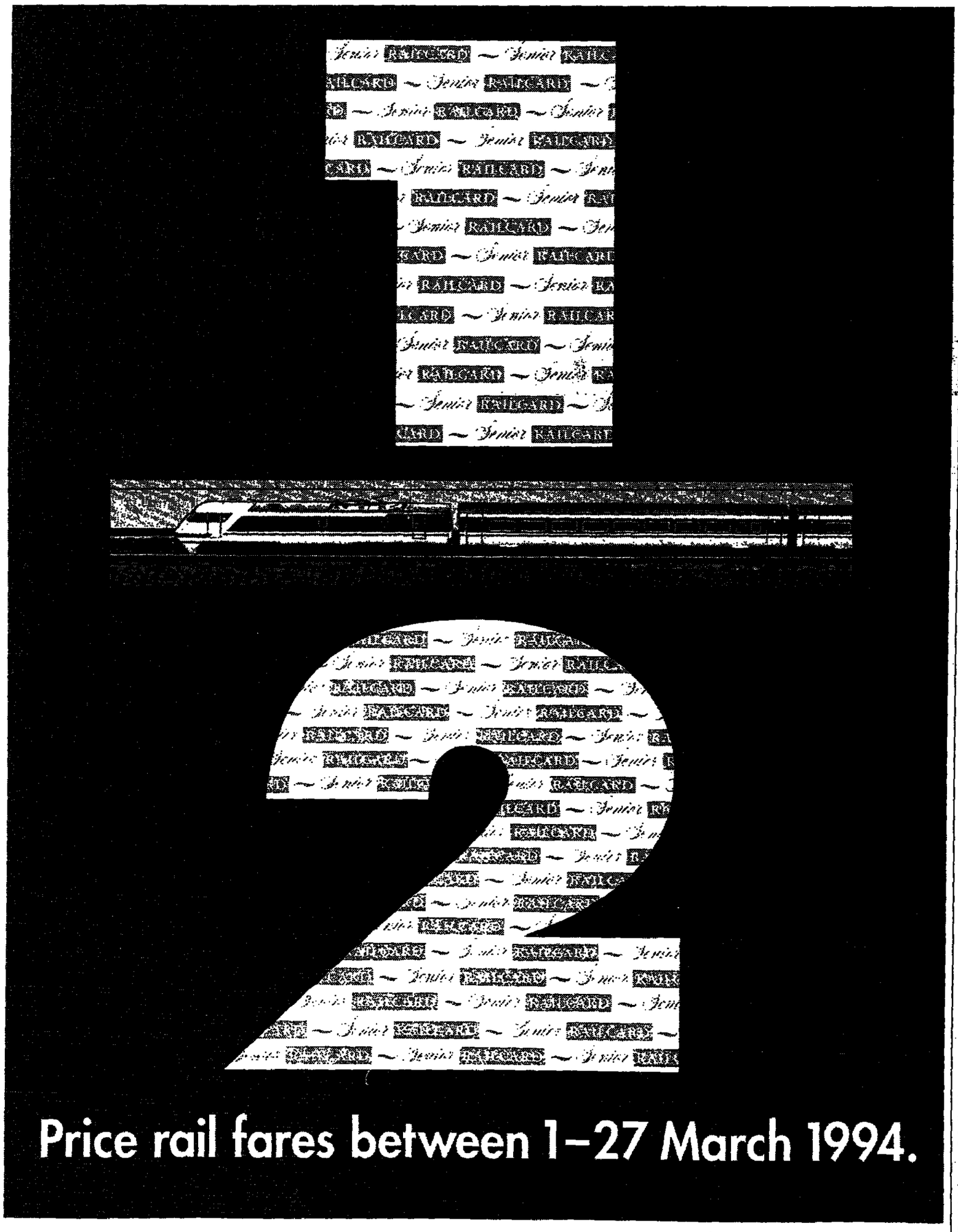
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Walt Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, the highest grossing animated film, is set to become the best-selling home video (Alison Roberts writes). The movie, which has been released on the big screen eight times, will be made available on tape for the first time since it opened in cinemas 57 years ago, it was announced yesterday.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs set a standard for animated production and established Disney as the world's favourite cartoon maker. Roy Disney, vice-chairman of the Walt Disney Company, said that *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* had undergone restoration for its video release. "Thanks to new technologies it is possible to reconstruct the film frame by frame, vastly improving the sound and picture," he said.

The film will be on sale for a limited period this autumn in a move that highlights Disney's strict policy on releasing video versions of its classic films. After 1994's sales drive, the video of *Snow White* will not be available for seven years. Disney hopes that young audiences that miss out on buying their own copy of the film will pay to see the cartoon at the cinema during its next release.When *The Jungle Book* was released on tape after 27 years, advance orders exceeded three million copies and it went on to become the best-selling video.



Burglar guilty at the third attempt

THE trial of a man with a courtroom phobia has been concluded — at the third attempt.

David Papps, 28, had forced two previous trials in Gloucester Crown Court to be abandoned by collapsing with epileptic-style fits brought on by his fear of being in court.

On both occasions he was rushed to hospital after being treated by paramedics as he lay gasping on the courtroom floor.

Yesterday the long-running case came to an end with Papps and Trevor Brown, 27, both of Gloucester, being found guilty of burglary.

Papps was allowed to sit in a room outside the court for most of the hearing to prevent panic attacks.

He suffered a fit soon after the third trial started on Monday and was allowed to leave court.

Judge Willis granted him bail within the precincts of the building and he did not return to the dock until the jury gave its verdict.

At one of Papps's aborted trials, the judge had explained to the jury: "He suffers from a chronic anxiety state which causes him to develop hyperventilation."

Papps had collapsed on one occasion as he stepped up to the witness box to give evidence. The problem was solved that time when his barrister read out a prepared statement of his version of events.

Papps and Brown denied breaking into Surefax Ltd with intent to steal.

They claimed the police jumped to the wrong conclusion when they saw the two near the building after the burglar alarm had gone off. The men said they fled and were chased into the docks by the police.

Both were found guilty of burglary and remanded on bail for pre-sentence reports.

The judge also ordered a psychiatric report on Papps. As the judge adjourned the case until March 23, when he will pass sentence at Bristol Crown Court, Papps suffered another attack. He was helped from court by an usher as he began to hyperventilate. Papps was taken to a conference room in the court building to recover.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thief grabs £100,000 rare stamps

A thief took rare stamps worth £100,000, including 50 penny blacks, from a dealer's car left unattended for two minutes outside a stamp and coin fair at Birmingham.

Chris Ray, 55, of Nottingham, was loading his blue estate car on Tuesday evening after the regular fair, held at a church hall. The thief smashed a window and took the uninsured collection from the back seat. Mr Ray, who collected the stamps over 15 years, said: "I am devastated. They were my pension fund."

Two remanded

Darren Jones, 20, of Southsea, Hampshire, and Matthew Pearce, 21, of Portsmouth, were remanded in custody for seven days by Fareham magistrates charged with murdering Grant Price, 43, the accountant abducted from a car park last month. Mr Jones was also charged with robbing a building society.

Falcon fine

Steve Morrison, 24, of Ayr, was fined £700 at Dumfries for stealing four eggs from a peregrine falcon's nest. He was caught on film for an investigative television programme by Roger Cook.

Case dropped

Charges against Mark Newall, 27, of murdering his parents on Jersey, were formally withdrawn. He admitted helping his brother Roderick, 28, who pleads guilty to the murders, to evade justice.

A full life

Moyra Ainsworth, 87, who took up abseiling on her 81st birthday, died at Boscombe, Dorset, after a stroke. She practised parascending until September and swam daily.

Death crash

Two women were killed and two injured when the taxi they were travelling in was in collision with a fire engine at Kirkintilloch, Strathclyde.

Roman ruins

A third century Roman building was unearthed by gas workers in Exeter high street.

Gang 'lured police into brick ambush'

BY RICHARD DUCE

A POLICE patrolman was almost killed by a gang of thugs who lured his car into an ambush for a game known as "brick the squaddie", a court was told yesterday.

PC John Robinson suffered a fractured skull and brain injuries after a brick was hurled through the windscreen of his patrol car on the Pennywell estate in Sunderland. He made a "remarkable" recovery but has been forced to leave Northumbria police.

After the attack in February last year, PC Robinson's driver colleague, PC Michael Mohon, rushed him to hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told.

The accused — Anthony Christie, 20, Malcolm Wood, 19, Lee Conley, 18, Patrick Kearney, 19, Anthony Timby, 18, Michael Scott, 18, Ian Scales, 24, Alan Jolliff, 17, Paul Stephens, 22, and a 15-year-old boy who cannot be named for legal reasons — all deny conspiracy to damage police vehicles and being reckless about endangering the lives of the policemen inside.

The gang is alleged to have stockpiled ammunition earlier in the day to throw at any passing police car. Mr Conley and Mr Kearney had raced a stolen sports car around the estate just three hours earlier doing stunts for a cheering crowd in the hope of being pursued by police, the court was told.

The trial continues.



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Portillo rejects talk of leadership challenge

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

■ The rising star of the Tory right is trying to quash speculation about a possible leadership contest

MICHAEL Portillo sought to steady the Tory Party yesterday by dismissing speculation about a challenge to John Major and by pleading with right-wingers to recognise that the Government has taken firm action to curb public spending.

Questioned at the Oxford Union about his political ambitions, Mr Portillo said he was too young to entertain thoughts of becoming Prime Minister and urged his admirers to turn their minds to other things. He said: "At 40 years of age and as the most junior member of the Cabinet I find talk about leadership a touch boring and irrelevant.

"If there was a Cabinet reshuffle tomorrow I would want to stay as Chief Secretary to the Treasury because I enjoy it so much." This was despite being cast as the "the stony-hearted axeman who always says 'no'."

Amid the anxiety generated in Tory ranks about the level of tax increases to be imposed this April and next, right-wingers have questioned whether the Government has been firm enough in controlling public spending. There have been calls for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Mr Portillo to take a second bite at the spending totals agreed for the next three years and create room for tax cuts before the next election.

Mr Portillo insisted that the Government had not ducked difficult decisions. The Chancellor's paramount objective had been to restore the public finances and spending had taken its share of the strain.

"Control of public spending had to be at the heart of that. And it is. Over the next three years, cuts in our public spending plans reduce the public sector borrowing requirement by about as much as November's tax increases.

Past spending rounds had added an average of 2 per cent to expenditure planned for the following year. This would have meant an extra £6 billion in 1994-95 but the total had been trimmed back by £3.6 billion. This total had already been cut by £4.5 billion so the full saving was £8 billion.

Further savings of £1.5 billion were being made in 1995-96, where an increase of around £10 billion would once have been expected.

"A few sceptics cannot bring themselves to accept the Government's success at controlling its expenditure. In the Budget we cut total Government spending by £15 billion. Had we not achieved that, taxes would be higher. Yet some commentators now claim we fiddled the figures: that we drew on some sort of slush fund within the previous plans. That is poppycock.

"Every single upward pressure on public spending was either choked off or met from reductions in other programmes. We set every budget at the lowest level we could, taking account of our manifesto commitments."

Mr Portillo added that the Government was following the example of the private sector in making savings. Pay and running costs were being squeezed and Whitehall's overheads were being subjected to the toughest clampdown yet — a £400 million cut.

His fundamental reviews of every aspect of Government spending had paid dividends in the initial target areas of social security, health, education and the Home Office. Eight more departments were now being scrutinised.

Ministers were also pressing ahead with plans to get greater value for money by offering the private sector a bigger role in delivering services paid for by the state.

Outdated terms of endearment

Bill Clinton apparently means well. But he has done a disservice to John Major by arranging a special trip to Pittsburgh and an overnight stay in the White House when the Prime Minister visits America next week. The carefully contrived friendliness will focus attention on British-American relations, and that dreadful phrase "the special relationship", just when both sides should be trying to take the melodrama out of their contacts.

The two leaders, or rather their entourages, often sound like a married couple self-consciously saying "darling" to each other at every opportunity to demonstrate their closeness. The blame lies partly with past politicians, who talked up the relationship, and partly with some in the media, who depict the slightest difficulty as an irreparable breach.

Hence the nonsense of three weeks ago over Mr Clinton's decision to grant a visa to Gerry Adams. That was hysterically described as the worst split since Suez. Granting the visa, against the wishes of Britain and State Department advice, was self-evidently a serious, and highly public, setback. But Mr Clinton quickly reaffirmed his support for the British-Irish declaration, while Mr Adams failed to back the declaration or renounce violence, as his American sponsors hoped. Both sides want to put the episode behind them. A key test will be whether Mr Adams seeks, and is granted, another waiver of his exclusion from America. That looks unlikely.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The two leaders were on the phone again within three or four days of the Adams visit to discuss Bosnia. The importance of personal relations is anyway much exaggerated. There is lingering resentment among some White House advisers about Tory activities during the 1992 campaign. But the leaders are professional politicians who know they have to work together, and do so.

There is admittedly none of the intimacy of the Reagan-Thatcher years. But that made less difference to the substance of policy, as opposed to her access at the White House, than was suggested at the time. The relationship has changed since the 1980s because of the end of the Cold War and because economic links, rather than common security interests, are now central.

Symbols, of course, matter, as no one knows better than Mr Clinton. Visiting Pittsburgh, where Mr Major's grandfather worked and his father was conceived, arose out of talks last July. The suggestion was, "next time, you come, you must visit there", just as Mr Clinton will return to Oxford when he comes over for the D-Day anniversary in June.

It was a hospitable gesture. Pittsburgh has its merits, though few will be apparent on a late Monday afternoon in February. But even as a television/photo opportunity, a visit which starts at 9pm British time will have little impact.

The media handlers may be hard pressed to produce much news. The leaders will mainly be reviewing the situations in Bosnia (to avoid past differences) and Russia (after Mr Major's visit last week), and trade relations with Japan, though there will be some suitably supportive words about Northern Ireland. There are unlikely to be any real decisions.

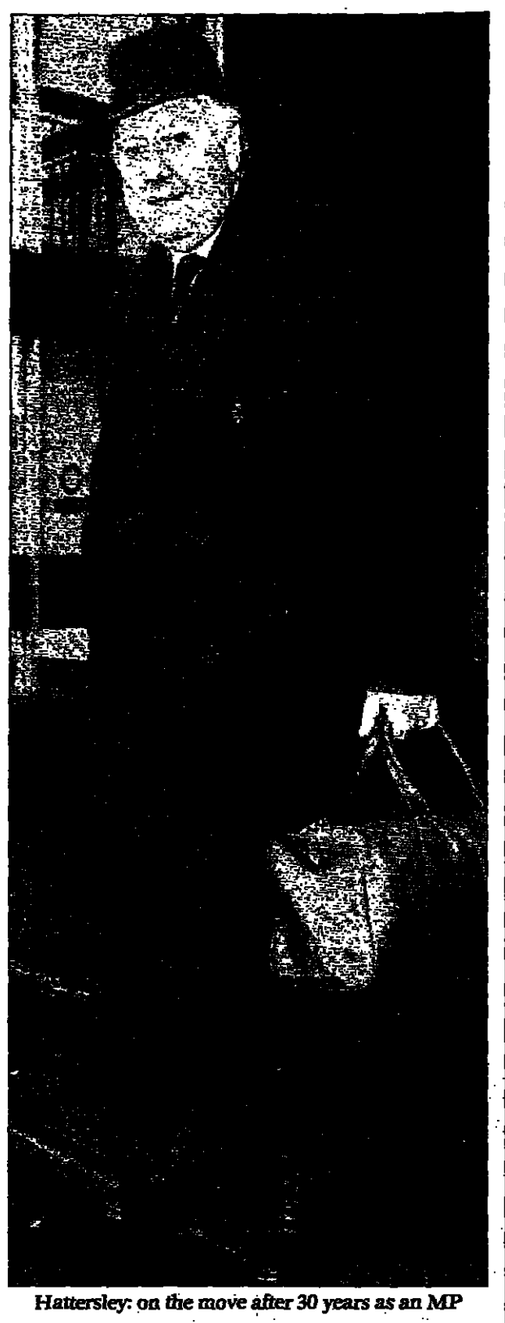
The leaders and their media advisers cannot really win, given the demand for news from those of us travelling with them. But it would have been better if they had not tried. Summits are better treated as such, rare peaks rather than routine talks. The way to have demonstrated the close relations which exist would have been to treat the visit just as a working meeting with no great initiatives or dramas, and to forget the pictures from Pittsburgh.

Peter Riddell

Hattersley to quit politics after 30 years

'What I want to be is George Eliot'

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent



Hattersley: on the move after 30 years as an MP

ROY Hattersley, the former deputy Labour Leader and one of the party's fiercest loyalists, is to stand down at the next general election to write his *Middlemarch*.

Mr Hattersley, the MP for Birmingham, Sparkbrook for the past 30 years, intends to concentrate on his writing, and make way for a younger candidate. "What I want to be when I retire is George Eliot," he admitted.

In contrast to the bitter resignation comments from Bryan Gould two weeks ago, Mr Hattersley predicted that John Smith would lead a team "of remarkable talent" into victory at the next general election. "I came to this constituency full of hope for the future and confident of Labour's success. I have no doubt that I shall feel much the same on the day when I leave," he said.

Mr Hattersley's decision to step down will surprise few of his colleagues as he has taken a back seat in politics since he resigned as deputy Leader in April 1992, focusing instead on journalism. However, as one of the few Labour MPs who has been in government, his experience will be missed.

Yesterday the man of letters and lunch, who never quite made it to the top rung of the party ladder, said he had no designs on a cabinet post should Labour win the next election.

John Smith, the Labour Leader paid tribute to Mr Hattersley's "long and distinguished service". As deputy Leader from 1983 he had worked closely with Neil Kinnock to unite the party, Mr Smith said. "His fierce loyalty to the Labour Party has informed his whole political life and I know that he will continue to work for Labour's victory."

Mr Kinnock said Mr Hattersley's great abilities and experience were invaluable to the party and to Parliament. "I will always be grateful for his immense loyalty and friendship, as well as his outstanding abilities."

Mr Hattersley became an MP in 1964. He was given a variety of government posts, ranging from junior Employment Minister and Foreign Office Minister to Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection from 1976 to 1979. He was uncomfortable as shadow Chancellor between 1983 and 1987, and clearly more at ease in his last post as shadow Home Secretary. In the 1983 Labour leadership battle he never had an even chance once it became clear that the party wanted a tub-thumping left-winger, but the ensuing ticket of the radical Mr Kinnock supported by the avuncular, rightish Mr Hattersley was instrumental in uniting the party.

While the man dubbed "the real mayonnaise socialist" was never accepted by the left, friends claimed that he was more left-wing than he would like to appear. Although pro-European and a multilateralist, he also had a radical traditionalist approach to social issues.

Mr Hattersley rarely got a chance to shine, apart from the occasional forays to the despatch box when Mr Kinnock was away. Although his reputation as a *bon viveur* was often more talked about than his political achievements, he survived challenges for the deputy leadership from the late Eric Heffer and from John Prescott.

Mr Hattersley told his constituency party it was time to choose a younger candidate. "I would vote for a new MP who came from one of the minority communities," he said.

He made it clear, however, that his departure had more to do with his own career as a novelist. "I used to think of myself as a politician and writer. Now I am a writer and politician."

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MPs try to block Sunday trading

By Robert Morgan and Jonathan Prynn

CAMPAIGNERS against the moves to liberalise Sunday shopping hours were staging a late attempt in the Commons last night to stop the legislation going through.

However, hundreds of shopworkers gathered at Westminster to demonstrate their support for the Sunday Trading Bill, which will allow big stores to open for six hours on Sundays and allow unrestricted opening hours for smaller establishments.

Leading the move to block the Bill last night was David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP for Liverpool, Mossley Hill. He said: "Until this Bill is given Royal Assent, it remains a Bill. This House and the Lords have the right to reform this Bill at any stage."

He said MPs had voted for the Bill in principle last December on a "false prospectus", having heard that employment protection would be incorporated. That had not taken place, he claimed.

The pro-Sunday trading group, the Shopping Hours Reform Council, said in a statement that the shopworkers lobbying Parliament were trying to defend their Sunday jobs. "They are outraged at a last-ditch attempt by a small number of MPs to sabotage the Bill which will legalise Sunday trading," the statement said. Amendments tabled by MP supporters of the Keep Sunday Special Campaign "would ban all large shops from opening" on Sundays, it said.

Many big stores have been defying the 1950 Shops Act, which places anomalous restrictions on traders. Most MPs agree that the law needs changing, but a sizeable minority has fought against unrestricted opening on the grounds that it will change the nature of the Sabbath and force staff to work on Sundays when they might prefer to be at home with their families.

Opponents of the Bill will be given other lobbying opportunities when it begins its Lords stage today or early next week. The Bill is likely to have its second reading in early March, when there will be no vote, and will go into committee late next month or in April. Peers will have a free vote on the three options of very restricted opening, almost total deregulation and the partial deregulation option supported by MPs.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion on "the unelected state".
Lords (3): Trade Marks Bill, report. Debate on EU budget.

Tories open European skirmishes

By Nicholas Wood

LABOUR'S policies could destroy up to two million jobs and add more than £20 billion to industry's costs, the Conservatives said yesterday as they mounted an initial skirmish over the elections to the European Parliament on June 9.

Sir Norman Fowler and David Hunt condemned the Opposition's support for a national minimum wage, the European social chapter, new powers for trade unions and a 35-hour week across the European Community. Sir Norman, the party chairman, said that Labour was committed to a "socialist superstate". The Employment Secretary said that, for all its talk of full employment, Labour's policies would have the opposite effect.

But John Prescott, the shadow Employment Secretary, dismissed the claims as a "rehash of old lies and propaganda". The Tories had lied about Labour and tax in the general election and they were "lying about Labour and jobs now", he said.

Of the 81 United Kingdom seats in the existing European Parliament — due to rise to 87 in the June elections — Labour has 45 and the Conservatives 32. The opinion polls suggest the Tories could be reduced to as few as ten seats in June.

The campaign proper, to be launched with the publication of the Tory Euro-manifesto in May, will be overshadowed by national issues. However, Tory strategists will attempt to focus the electorate's minds on European issues in the hope that they can pose as defenders of Britain's interests in the EC and portray their Labour and Liberal Democrat rivals as slaves to Brussels.

Lib Dems told to fight fascism

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

PADDY Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat Leader, last night called on his party to lead the fight against fascism in London's East End.

In an attempt to prevent the behaviour of party members in Tower Hamlets hampering the Liberal Democrat fight in the May local elections, Mr Ashdown said that the priority of every democratic party must be to ensure that the British National Party was stamped out where it first gained a toehold, in London's Isle of Dogs.

In a clear warning to local Liberal Democrats, who have been censured for distributing allegedly racist leaflets, Mr Ashdown said the politics of race must not be allowed to get a grip again in the East End. "We must take a message to London that we stand for tolerance and progress, for a society that looks forward not back."

Speaking to the Liberal Democrat London region conference, Mr Ashdown said: "The last few months have not been easy for any of us. We have had a tough problem to handle."

However, he said it was time to put the past behind them, and paid tribute to the work of Tower Hamlets council in delivering services and value for money, tackling waste, improving housing and investing in schools.

Mr Ashdown said he supported cross-party initiatives against racism, and added: "Eastenders stood up to fascism in the Thirties and defied Hitler in the Forties. I believe they will unite to defeat fascism in the Nineties."

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Gummer rules out banning traffic to ease pollution

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BANS on traffic to ease pollution in cities were ruled out by the Government yesterday. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, dashed the hopes of green lobby groups when he refused to curb cars and lorries without catalytic converters during spells of bad pollution, when exhaust-fume levels rise.

However, drivers whose cars emit illegal amounts of pollution could find themselves fined on the spot at police road blocks if legislation being contemplated goes ahead. Mr Gummer's announcement at a London conference comes amid growing concern from health professionals that traffic fumes are responsible for a marked increase in cases of asthma.



Mr Gummer was speaking after publication of a report showing that London's air quality frequently fell drastically short of European and international standards. He promised to publish a consultation document setting out a wide range of options, including tightening up on vehicle emissions beyond 2000. However, Mr Gummer told the conference, organised by the Association of London Authorities, the London Boroughs Association and the South East Institute of Public Health: "I do not see any need for substantial traffic bans in our urban areas." Fiona Weir, a campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said: "This is very bad news for London. Air quality in London is a significant threat to people's health, particularly the one in seven children with asthma. Yet the Government simply trots out the same tired old speeches about analysing the guidelines and reviewing monitoring."

Later, officials said that roadside checks, using the pollution equivalent of the police radar gun, were high on the agenda. However, the move would require a change in the law. Under existing legislation the police can stop a car with smoke billowing from the exhaust on the grounds that the fumes are obscuring the vision of other motorists. But a driver whose car fumes break MOT emission rules cannot be fined.

Concern was highlighted yesterday with the publication of the first annual report of the London air quality network, which has been screening the capital's air. Levels of nitrogen dioxide, a gas linked with respiratory difficulties, exceeded WHO guidelines at a site in Hounslow, west London. Levels of carbon monoxide, which reduces oxygen in the blood and has been linked with an increase in angina, regularly exceeds guidelines at Hounslow and Southwark, south London.

☐ High-flying jet aircraft could be responsible for many of the recent changes in the climate and be adding to global warming. Scientists now believe that water deposited in the upper atmosphere from jet engines interferes with the process of heat radiating up from below and instead reflects the heat from the ground back to the earth.

Commuters face high charges on motorways

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is considering a variable pricing scheme on the 1,900-mile motorway network, with higher charges for peak times to encourage flexible working hours and greater use of public transport.

John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday that the decision on what to charge would not be taken for at least two years, but would take into account the danger of forcing people on to "rat runs" through towns and villages if charges were too high. He said charging more for peak times would even out traffic flow. Mr MacGregor said he had extended an invitation to more than 375 electronics manufacturers, software houses and consultants to develop a system capable of dealing with Britain's particular needs.

Some other countries have electronic systems, but they are not sufficiently advanced to permit non-stop electronic charging without the alternative of cash payments. The transport department will begin assessing systems by September.



Caroline Charles previewed her autumn/winter collection yesterday on the opening day of British Fashion Week in London. She showed black lace and leather alongside dual-coloured velvet. Other designers showcasing this week are Edina Ronay, Helen Storey, Tomasz Starzewski, Paul Costelloe and John Rocha

Tories 'cheating victims of crime'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was trying to save money at the expense of victims of violent crime under proposals for a new criminal injuries scheme, the Labour Party claimed yesterday.

Tony Blair, the shadow Home Secretary, said the scheme would slash the compensation received by many victims and breach a European convention. He was speaking at a conference in London organised by Victim Support and attended by David Maclean, the Home Office minister.

"The Government's proposals are wholly inconsistent with its professed concern for victims of crime," Mr Blair said. "Victims of violent crime should be properly compensated for their suffering."

He said claims by Mr Maclean that more money would be paid out under the scheme were at odds with his statement earlier this month that spending on compensation was due to fall by a quarter in real terms, from £204 million in 1994-95 to £153 million in 1996-97.

Mr Blair said Labour had tabled an amendment to the criminal justice bill that would place the scheme on a statutory basis and ensure that victims of violent crime continued to receive the same levels of compensation. More than £152 million was paid to 37,000 claimants in 1992-93 with an average award of more than £4,000.

The scheme, due to come into force in April, will introduce a tariff system with 25 compensation levels from £1,000 to a maximum £250,000 on an *ex gratia* basis.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, claims that victims would receive awards more quickly with less red tape.

The scheme has been condemned by lawyers, police, trade unions and victim support groups. The pressure group Women Against Rape condemned as "outrageous" the system that would see compensation levels fixed at £7,500 for rape or buggery and £3,000 for serious indecent assault. It said it was "grotesque" that the award for sexual or physical abuse of a child over a period of up to a year was £1,000 — less than half the payment for a broken toe.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Rival champions set to clash at Linares

The Linares tournament, now under way in Spain, is the Wimbledon of chess. This year the tension is increased by the fact that Kasparov, the Professional Chess Association world champion, faces Karpov, the FIDE world champion, in a decisive showdown.

Their game will, of course, arouse enormous interest. It takes place in round 7, on Friday March 4, with Kasparov having the advantage of the white pieces.

In an interview yesterday Kasparov said that he would regard the winner of Linares as the world tournament champion. He welcomed the participation of Judith Polgar, the Hungarian girl prodigy, in what is her first super-tournament.

"Now we will see how strong she really is," said Kasparov. He is also relishing his battle against Karpov and has thrown down the gauntlet to Bobby Fischer to compete at Linares in the future.

Kasparov has won the past two Linares tournaments by a devastating margin. Over the next two and a half weeks, until the final round on Monday March 14, the chess world will be engrossed by Kasparov's race to complete a hat-trick.

Results of Linares 1992

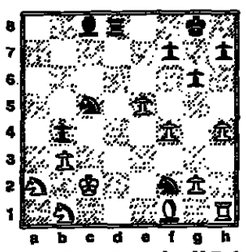
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Last year, Kasparov inflicted a crushing defeat on his main rival. This is the final position position where Karpov lost on time, but his game is already in ruins.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Garry Kasparov
Linares 1993



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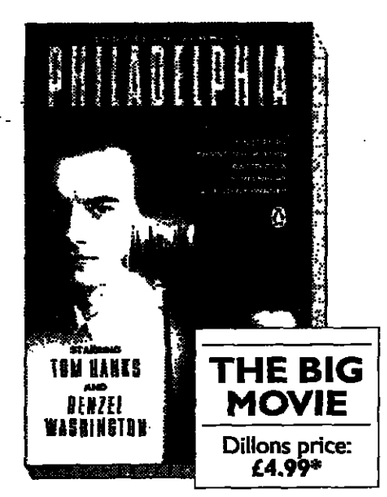
This year's line-up

These are the 14 players at Linares this year: Kasparov (Russia), Karpov (Russia), Anand (India), Ivanchuk (Ukraine), Kramnik (Russia), Shirov (Latvia), Kamsky (USA), Bareev (Russia), Gelfand (Belorus), Topalov (Bulgaria), Beliavsky (Ukraine) Judith Polgar (Hungary), Lautier (France) and Illescas (Spain).

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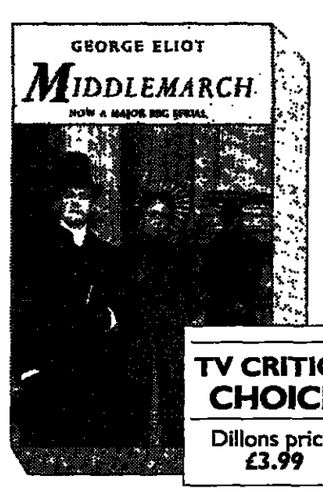
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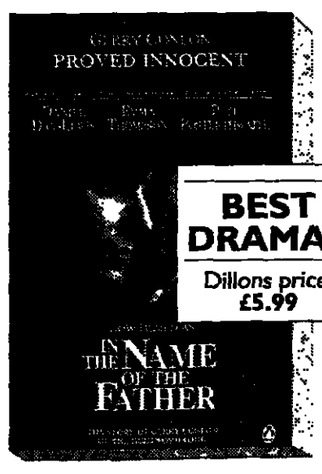
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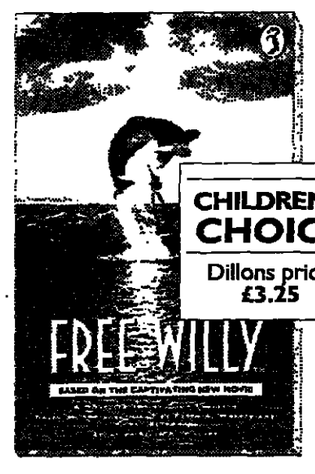
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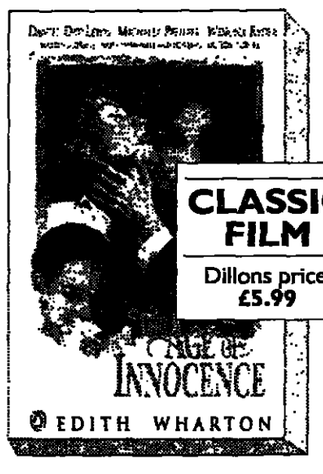
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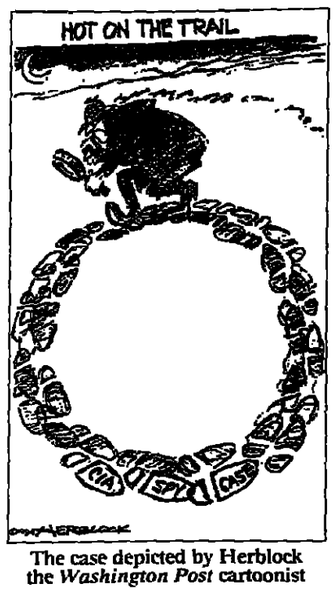
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Times change but agents still thrill to great game



The case depicted by Herblock the *Washington Post* cartoonist

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

■ The Cold War has been ritually buried and former enemies are co-operating on fighting terrorism and international crime. Yet the Russian and Western spymasters remain enthusiastically in place

THE revelation that the former head of the CIA's Soviet counter-intelligence section has been accused of being a Russian mole for nearly ten years has served as a timely reminder that, while the Cold War may have ended, the spying game continues. The old KGB career officers are still at it. So, too, are their counterparts in the CIA, Britain's MI6 and all the Western intelligence services.

The exposure of such a high-ranking mole could have damaging implications for Britain's Secret Intelligence Service because of the close working relationship between the CIA and MI6: there will be an internal investigation at MI6's Century House headquarters.

However, in the intelligence world everything is compartmentalised. The CIA tells MI6 what it thinks it needs to know and the same goes for the British service. Aldrich Ames may have been head of the Soviet counter-intelligence section of the CIA, but even he will not have known who all the agents were working for Langley in Moscow and elsewhere in the former Soviet Union. Names of operatives are guarded closely by their controllers, revealed only to head office when absolutely necessary. As one security source said: "Ames shouldn't have known more than he needed to have known, although what he did know was definitely damaging."

While Mr Ames may have been responsible for compromising some in the network of agents working for the CIA in Moscow, leading possibly to their deaths, his alleged treachery is unlikely to have damaged Western or Nato security. However, he will have been able to finger the covert CIA men posing as diplomats at the US embassy in Moscow, giving the KGB the opportunity to mount maximum surveillance.

MI6 has changed its shape and direction since the end of the Cold War but there is not a professional officer among the 500 working undercover who would not have ambitions to control an agent in the highest echelons of the KGB, now called the SVR. Everybody recognises the risks and the excitement of recruiting a high-quality agent.

Oleg Gordievsky, who was recruited by MI6 in Copenhagen and progressed up the KGB ladder to be head of station-designate in London, was in a position to do as much damage to the KGB as Mr Ames is alleged to have done to the CIA. One of his first offerings when he defected was to reveal the names of Russian moles in Britain. Similarly, the most notorious traitors of the past, such as Kim Philby, were among moles in MI6 regarded by the KGB as the "Magnificent Seven" in their hall of fame.

The Secret Intelligence Service, ever watchful of penetration by the Russians, is tiny compared with the SVR and its foreign intelligence department, which still has 11,000 officers abroad. With an annual budget of about £150 million and a staff of 2,000, about a quarter of which serve abroad, MI6 only spent about 35 per cent of its resources on the former Soviet bloc even during the Cold War.

Today, while Russia and the former Soviet republics still require careful attention, more resources have been earmarked for countering terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, drugs and international crime.

MI6 officers are on the same grades as civil servants, with a head of station inside an embassy abroad receiving only about £50,000 a year. Despite the history of betrayals in the Second World War and postwar period, MI6 is confident that it recruits dedicated men and women who serve the interests of their country. The recruiting process is aimed at spotting the maverick who might enter the spying game for his own purposes.

Unlike MI6 whose budget has not yet been affected by Treasury cuts, the Russian foreign intelligence department has faced heavy expenditure cuts and its personnel have been reduced by more than 30 per cent. Thirty espionage stations overseas are supposed to have been closed. Russia also has lost its valuable intelligence network in the former Soviet satellite states of Eastern Europe, most of whom are now co-operating with MI6.

Russia and the United States have made high-profile attempts at greater co-operation, especially in combating organised crime, terrorism and drug trafficking. But the spying and counter-spying continue and the one thing Western intelligence agencies discover is that the same old KGB faces emerge from the shadows. The name of the service may have changed, but the personnel live on, many of them still imbued with Cold War thinking.

Yevgeni Primakov, director of Russia's foreign intelligence service and a former KGB officer, said that while budget cuts had forced him to shut down operations at 30 centres abroad, Moscow had no intention of getting out of the business. Russia sought to use its resources more efficiently and concentrate its espionage effort on science and technology.

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Major and Clinton to plan West's response to Yeltsin's Balkans initiative

Chilled relations halt dual approach to Bosnia solution

By Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent and Our Foreign Staff

THE chances of Nato using more Sarajevo-style threats to achieve ceasefires in other besieged areas of Bosnia faded yesterday, when Russia launched a blistering attack on the tactic.

President Yeltsin and other Russian leaders made clear that Moscow would be unwilling to support any further threats against the Serbs. Moscow's hostility, and the reluctance of the international community to commit more troops to the Bosnian peace effort, is likely to dampen Western euphoria.

The arrest of Aldrich Hazen Ames, the CIA man accused of spying for Russia, has also chilled relations between Washington and Moscow, making any East-West co-operation over the Bosnian crisis far more difficult.

Mr Yeltsin said Nato's air-strikes threat against Bosnian Serb artillery around Sarajevo had made all Russians indignant. His spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, accused Nato of being "a prisoner of the ideology of the Cold War". Russia, he said, would not take part in any "sacrificial rites". Mr Yeltsin's intervention had brought "scarcely hidden disappointment" from the alliance and senior diplomatic circles that it had not managed to use air power, the spokesman added.

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, said that the West should not act in Bosnia without consultation with Moscow.

Increased American and European pressure on Bosnian Croats and the Muslim-led government bore fruit last night when they signed a truce after a day of difficult talks. The ceasefire is considered an essential first step to a new peace plan proposed by the European Union and backed by Washington, but some Bosnian government sources said the truce would be difficult to implement.

John Major, meanwhile, will discuss the West's response to President Yeltsin's call for a world summit to end the war when he meets President Clinton in Washington next week. Downing Street officials described the summit call as an "interesting idea" but said that neither Mr Major nor the Foreign Office had yet received a formal notification of the proposal; nor had any of the other leaders.

In Brussels, Nato sources said ambassadors from the 16 alliance countries, meeting for the first time since the Western ultimatum to Serbs besieging Sarajevo ran out on Sunday, agreed there would be obstacles to repeating such threats.

More troops would be needed to bolster UN forces on the ground and the use of air power alone was not suited to bringing an end to the fighting in some areas, the sources said. Washington has so far refused to send troops to Bosnia, annoying other Nato allies who have contributed most of the more than 10,000 UN peacekeeping troops there.

In stark contrast, President Yeltsin's envoy to the former Yugoslavia, Vitaly Churkin, who is a Deputy Foreign Minister, yesterday called for more Russian troops to be sent to Sarajevo. Moscow's peacekeeping role, he said, "will show the world that Russia is not a country to be afraid of".

In Zagreb, where the truce was agreed between Bosnian Croats and government last night, Bosnian Croat leaders also said they were willing to consider a union with the republic's Muslim-led government rather than partition. Britain and France meanwhile proposed adding the Mostar, Maglaj and Vitez to the UN list of "safe areas" which can be protected with Nato air power.

Pale: Miroslav Toholj, the Bosnian Serb Minister of Information, said he expects the UN's plan to reopen Tuzla airport on March 7 to go ahead (Tim Judah writes). "That action will go ahead without problem if the international community and the UN offer us sufficient guarantees that there is no traffic in arms," he said.

The UN plans to reopen the airport for humanitarian supplies and will use Nato air support if necessary. About 380,000 people live in the north-eastern stronghold of Tuzla, including tens of thousands of refugees.


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A Coldstream Guards Warrior patrol leaving the regiment's battalion headquarters in Vitez, central Bosnia. Britain has proposed adding the town to the United Nations' list of safe areas to be protected by air power

Russian editors return to bad old ways

From Anne McElvoy in Moscow

RUSSIA'S nascent free press has been flung back into the traditions of wooden Sov-speak, half-truths and slavish adherence to the "official version" by the spy scandal.

Confronted with the news late on Tuesday evening, the editors of Russia's newspapers, television and radio news behaved as they were primed to do under Soviet rule and waited for Tass to lead the way. "We would not have dreamt of interrupting the Winter Olympics coverage to bring this story," Ostankino state television said.

A prolonged silence, like in this case, indicates that the editors are panicking about what to say. On the night of the December elections, Ostankino blacked out its news coverage rather than admit the swing to the nationalists.

Tass, which remains the semi-official voice of truth, finally clattered out a brief factual report, followed by a commentary. It reminded its subscribers that the "leaders of the US and other Western countries have confirmed on many occasions that they did not intend to curtail intelligence activities with regard to Russia". This established the premise developed by senior officials yesterday and which goes: "Both sides continue to operate spies in each other's countries. The West should not make too much fuss about having caught one."

The pro-government *Izvestia* last night at least broke ranks with tradition by admitting that Aldrich Ames had succumbed to "Moscow's charms . . . for financial rather than ideological reasons". For all the recent freedoms, media reporting remains strictly controlled in such areas.

The manipulation of the story reached truly Soviet heights when Vyacheslav Kostikov, President Yeltsin's spokesman, accused the West of creating "a new spy mania" and a senior foreign office official blamed Washington for "casting a shadow over relations with Russia".

Much of this is Moscow bluster. When Mr Yeltsin is trying to portray his country as an international broker in Yugoslavia, the brouhaha is diverting attention from Russia's new image as the saviour of the Balkans.

Mr Yeltsin will be now under pressure to explain exactly how much of its intelligence service he has allowed to be left intact.

☐ Dissident freed: Vil Mirzayanov, a former chemical weapons scientist arrested in 1992 after publishing an article about development of a new toxic nerve gas, has been freed. His release has given a new lease of life to dissident scientists, and demonstrates the Kremlin's seriousness about honouring its freedom of information pledge enshrined in the Russian constitution enacted last December.

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Anxious Senate voices doubts over rise of Cold War dove

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

■ *Criticism of Bill Clinton's Oxford roommate as an apologist for Moscow have dampened expectations that he might be Secretary of State within a year*

THE Senate has confirmed Strobe Talbott as Deputy Secretary of State, but the new spy scandal and Russia's resurgent nationalism have dampened expectations that he will replace Warren Christopher as America's top diplomat within a year.

Senators confirmed President Clinton's old Oxford roommate by 66 votes to 31 on Tuesday night, but only after a string of Republicans denounced his appeasement of Moscow both as a Cold War commentator and as Ambassador-at-large to the former Soviet republics.

They spoke of serious trouble if Mr Clinton sought to make Mr Talbott Secretary of State instead of the lacklustre Mr Christopher. "A strong signal needs to be sent — enough promotions for Strobe Talbott," Robert Dole, the Senate's Republican minority leader, said. Critics of the 47-year-old journalist-turned-diplomat have used his copious *Time* magazine columns to portray him as an unrepentant Cold War dove who denies that Western resolve had anything to do with the Soviet Union's collapse, and as a scourge of Israel.

They claim that as chief architect of the Administration's Russian policy, Mr Talbott has continued to let his lifelong romance with Russia blind him to its realities.

Mr Talbott persuaded Mr Clinton to postpone Nato's eastward expansion for fear of inflaming Russian paranoia, to indulge Russian interference in the "near abroad" and to invest enormously in Mr Yeltsin, but failed to foresee the ultra-nationalists' resurgence. "Talbott's proclivity for zealously defending one's thesis beyond the bounds of logic and truth and wisdom will potentially endanger our national interests," John McCain, a Republican from Arizona, said. New York's Alfonse D'Amato accused Mr Talbott of "inexperience and naivety".

When Mr Clinton nominated Mr Talbott in December to be the State Department's second-in-command he was widely seen as the anointed successor to Mr Christopher, who within a year or so would be making an early and inglorious return to his Los Angeles law practice.

He is forceful, telegenic, a good public performer and a master of the media. Above all, he is extremely close to Mr Clinton, a firm friend since they were Rhodes scholars at Oxford 25 years ago. By contrast, the 68-year-old Mr Christopher is reactive, self-effacing to the point of anonymity and the most stilted of public speakers. Appointed largely to keep international problems off Mr Clinton's plate, he has from the outset struggled to command the President's attention.

He has failed to secure the regular weekly hour-long meetings with Mr Clinton he demanded last October and only last month the President brusquely disregarded his insistence that Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein's leader, should be denied a US visa.

Mr Christopher's responsibilities have also diminished, but that is by design. His response when a string of foreign policy débâcles put his job on the line last autumn was, as *The New York Times* put it, to make himself "less of a target by becoming a smaller Secretary of State". He subcontracted large areas of his brief to Vice-President Gore, Mr Talbott and others in a way that James Baker or Henry Kissinger would never have countenanced.

Exposé forces judicial enquiry in Canberra

From Robert Cockburn in Sydney

THE Australian Government was forced to launch a judicial enquiry yesterday into allegations that its overseas intelligence service, Asis, is working for MI6 and the CIA, often against Australia's interests.

The announcement by Gareth Evans, the Foreign Minister, marked a sudden reversal after his initial refusal to order an investigation into allegations by two former Asis officers in an ABC television programme last Monday. The two men said Asis still looks to MI6 and London as its "head office" and carries out covert operations for Britain and the United States that could damage Australia's growing relations with Asian and Middle East countries. Mr Evans is responsible for Asis.

The former officers' demand for an enquiry resulted in intense pressure from the opposition and Democrat Party in parliament. Andrew Peacock, the opposition foreign affairs spokesman, said yesterday: "Asis is in many respects a law unto itself." At a time when Australia is seeking to cut its last constitutional links with Britain, the exposure of such a powerful grasp of anachronistic, colonial control in the 1990s has caused the biggest shock for Australians, and the greatest embarrassment for the government. There is pressure for the enquiry to take the form of a royal commission.

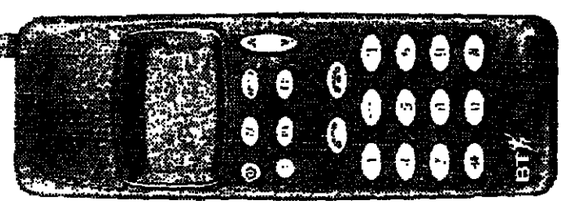


Evans: had to reverse intelligence decision

The enquiry threatens to expose more of the workings of MI6 where it works with Asis. However, the enquiry — to be headed by an as yet unnamed judge — will almost certainly be held in secret.

Asis is alleged to have been run, in effect, from London since it was set up by MI6 40 years ago. Present operations are said to include the bugging of Chinese targets in Hong Kong for Britain.

Mr Evans told parliament yesterday: "The sorts of issues to be addressed by the enquiry would include control and accountability, mechanisms, including the question of a possible legislative charter for the organisation [Asis]. Secondly, questions of administration and management generally; thirdly, more particularly, on the management side; fourthly, the whole question of intelligence assets."

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CIA reopens files to pick through wreckage of espionage failures

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE CIA is having to re-examine every case and file on which Aldrich Ames worked over the past decade following his arrest on charges of spying for the KGB and receiving more than $1.5 million (£1 million).

Suspicion fell on him after a series of American espionage operations went wrong at the same time as Moscow was seen to be recovering from a succession of setbacks.

The number of Russians who were spying for the US and were executed after being betrayed is a matter of debate here. Press reports and officials with access to intelligence information have put the figure between five and ten. The CIA refuses to comment.

Vincent Cannistraro, a former senior CIA official, said yesterday he knew of at least two spies for the CIA who were killed after Mr Ames disclosed their identities. Mr Cannistraro, who did not name them, said that unless Mr Ames co-operated with investigators, a complete assessment of the damage might not be possible.

The FBI affidavit against Mr Ames accuses him of compromising one double agent. Identified only by the codename GTPROLOGUE, he was working in KGB counter-intelligence and feeding information to the CIA. Mr Ames identified him twice in letters to the KGB, the FBI said. The affidavit also alleges that Mr Ames took home top-secret documents relating to CIA agents and "identities of CIA personnel whose employment the CIA seeks to protect".

Two cases that will be reinvestigated in view of Mr Ames' arrest involve Lieutenant-Colonel Valeri Martynov and Major Sergei Motorin, both of whom spied for the Americans when they were based in Washington. They were tried for treason and executed after they returned to the then Soviet Union. Credit for uncovering them was claimed by Yuri Shvets, a former KGB officer, but his boast may have been intended to throw the CIA off the scent.

One official familiar with the Ames case told *The Wall Street Journal* a string of operations which had gone sour were analysed to see if there was a common denominator. "This guy rose to the top of the class," the official said.

One of the most intriguing aspects of the case is that Mr Ames was involved in debriefing Vitaly Yurchenko, one of the highest-ranking KGB officers to defect to the US. For three months in 1985, soon after Mr Ames allegedly began working for Moscow, Yurchenko was quizzed by the CIA about his work as second-in-command of Soviet espionage in the US and Canada. Then, abruptly, Yurchenko pushed back his chair during dinner at a Washington restaurant, gave his minders the slip and re-defected to a hero's welcome in Russia.

At the time, CIA officials were puzzled by the episode, although the story was put out that Yurchenko fled home for personal reasons. Now the case must be reconsidered with the possibility that the KGB was advised by Mr Ames exactly what Yurchenko was telling the CIA. Yurchenko was said to have exposed Edward Lee Howard, a junior CIA agent, as working for the KGB. It now looks as though Howard might have been used as bait to convince the CIA that Yurchenko was genuine. Howard subsequently escaped to Russia.

The CIA suspected from 1985 that they might be harbouring a "mole" and eventually, in 1991, suspicion fell on Mr Ames. He was quietly transferred to the relative backwater of operations against illegal drug trafficking. Yet, according to the affidavit, Mr Ames continued to obtain documents relevant to the KGB, raising the question whether he was being fed false information or was taking advantage of a remarkable CIA security breach.

Another astounding aspect is how Mr Ames became such a big spender without being detected earlier. Although his salary was just under $70,000 (£47,300), he, his wife, Maria, who has also been arrested, and their son Paul, aged five, lived in a house costing $500,000 on which $100,000 was spent in improvements. Mr Ames spent another $40,000 on a Jaguar, one of two cars, and also owned a farm and flats in Colombia, Mrs Ames' native land. Their credit-card balances exceeded $500,000 over the years.

Mr Ames' explanation to neighbours for his free-spending ways was that his wife came from a rich family. He had recruited her as a CIA agent when he was in Mexico City in 1985 and they married soon afterwards. There are suggestions that she first drew him into his alleged spying.

A debate is developing among former intelligence officials over whether Mr Ames, if guilty, caused as much damage as Kim Philby, the MI6 double agent who defected to Russia. George Carver, retired from the CIA, said: "It will take a generation to repair the damage." But Admiral Stansfield Turner, a former CIA director, said: "This is high level, but nothing like Philby."

The Ames case will undoubtedly call for a re-evaluation of CIA procedures. He apparently passed lie-detector tests and made trips to South America, without reporting them to his superiors.

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An artist's impression of Aldrich Ames and his wife, Maria, in the federal district court in Alexandria, Virginia, to face spying charges



The suburban Washington home of Aldrich Ames and his wife Maria, for which they are said to have paid more than $540,000 (£385,000) in cash

Mistrustful partner told husband: 'Well, honey, I hope you don't screw it up'

Tapes show studious wife took dominant role in secret life

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MARIA del Rosario Casas Ames, 41, was a throughbred among Washington housewives: attractive, sophisticated, exotic, refined and rich. She divided her day between her five-year-old son, Paul, and part-time study for a philosophy degree at Georgetown University.

At the same time, according to federal authorities, the Colombian-born Mrs Ames was working as a spy alongside her husband, Aldrich, and may have played a crucial role in turning him from being an unspectacular CIA officer into a mole for the KGB and its Russian successor, the Federal Intelligence Agency.

Mr Ames met his wife, 11 years his junior, in 1983 when he was stationed in the CIA office in Mexico City. She was a cultural attaché at the Colombian Embassy and was recruited by Mr Ames as a CIA informant soon after their first meeting. According to an FBI affidavit, she worked as "a paid source for the CIA" from April to December that year.

News reports yesterday cited federal law enforcement sources who believe Mr Ames may already have been in the pay of the Soviet Union when she met her husband-to-be and may have been instrumental in persuading him to spy for the Soviet Union. The couple married in 1985, three months after a first unexplained cash deposit appeared in Mr Ames's bank account. That year, according to the FBI, Mr Ames began a series of secret meetings with Soviet officials.

In court papers in Washington Mrs Ames is charged with opening bank accounts in Switzerland and America and helping to transfer money received from Moscow. Authorities say she also helped to plan document "drops" and sometimes accompanied her husband on



Mrs Ames was more a bossy Mata Hari, above, than ally

missions for their Moscow paymasters. Electronic eavesdropping by the FBI during an 11-month investigation indicates a more active, even dominant, role in her husband's espionage activities.

Mrs Ames, who became a US citizen after her marriage, clearly had little faith in his talents as a spy. "Well, honey, I hope you don't screw it up," she tells him on an FBI surveillance tape-recording. On October 29 last year, before one of several foreign trips he made to meet his handlers, she warned her husband not to pack compromising material. "I don't want you to bring anything that will make them look in your luggage," she is heard to say, adding later: "You are going to have to be a little more imaginative."

Her tone towards her husband appears condescending and interrogatory, more Mata Hari, who spied for both sides in the First World War, than accomplice. Last November the FBI overheard this exchange — Her: "OK, just be careful and you swear to me that nothing went wrong?" Him: "Yeah, that's right."

"You swear?" — "Uh-huh."

"Well, you don't sound too sure. You're sure? Sure, right?" — "Sure."

"You wouldn't lie to me, would you?"

This conversation took place just after Mr Ames had travelled to Bogotá to meet Russian agents. After the trip $21,600 (£14,600) was deposited in his bank account, according to court papers.

William Rhoades, a neighbour, said that Mrs Ames was from "a very well known and distinguished family in Bogotá". She had once taught English at the University of the Andes and was preparing to write her PhD thesis on Heidegger. "She is very well educated and very intelligent," he said.

Mrs Ames drove a $20,000 Honda while her husband drove a $40,000 Jaguar; together they paid about $540,000 in cash for their home in the suburbs of Washington. The couple told friends and associates that their money came from her wealthy family in Colombia and from fortunate investments.

Mrs Ames's tuition fees at Georgetown University alone amounted to about $25,000, more than a third of Mr Ames's official CIA salary. Another $11,000 was spent on a nanny for their son, who is now staying with an aunt. Neighbours said that Mrs Ames appeared to spend a fortune on designer clothes.

"My most immediate need," Mr Ames is said to have told his Moscow spymasters, "is money." That, it seems, was just another thing he had in common with his wife.

Blunders of far from perfect spy

BY BEN MACINTYRE

ALDRICH Ames may have earned $1.5 million (£1 million) peddling state secrets to Moscow over a ten-year period. And he may have sent Washington into a frenzy and soured US-Russian relations with one of the worst breaches of CIA security in history. But in terms of "spycraft", the alleged Russian "mole" would appear to be no George Smiley, John le Carré's fictional spymaster.

Despite an official salary of $69,843 a year, Mr Ames luxuriated in a $40,000 Jaguar car, $455,000 in credit card bills, and a large house purchased in cash for more than half a million dollars.

Mr Ames allegedly knew all about "dead drops" for passing on secrets, covert meetings and money-laundering, but he seems to have taken few precautions to cover his tracks. He is said to have left incriminating evidence on computer disks, a damning typewriter ribbon in the family rubbish bin, and openly discussed on the telephone secret meetings with Russian agents in South America.

Even Maria del Rosario Casas Ames, his wife and co-defendant, apparently thought he was rather less than the Einstein of espionage, to judge from conversations bugged by the FBI. "You didn't have anything that shouldn't have been in that bag in that bag?" she asked him after one foreign trip. "No, honey," he replied submissively.

On one notable occasion he failed to leave a chalk mark on a mailbox to indicate that he would rendezvous with his "handlers". His reason: "It was raining like hell."

This alleged spy also had trouble with spelling and grammar. His discarded typewriter ribbon reads: "Besides getting cash to Carascus [sic] (I have mentuoned [sic] how little I like this method, though it is acceptable), I still hope that you will have decided on some safer, paper tranfer [sic] or some sort of a large amount."

But perhaps more bizarre than Mr Ames's apparent incompetence in the fiddly art of spying is the fact that it took a decade before his superiors and colleagues suspected anything about the mid-level officer who drove to work in a bright red Jaguar.

Since his arrest some of Mr Ames's colleagues have claimed knowledge with hindsight. He was "lazy, incompetent, alcoholic", one former superior told CBS news. Most of his superiors, however, believed the story that his lavish lifestyle was the result of his wife's wealth and his canny investments: for a decade it was not questioned.

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Former enemies do profitable trade in oil products on 'strictly business' basis

Sons of Iraq and Iran rulers join to flout UN embargo

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

SONS of the Iraqi and Iranian Presidents are involved in a multi-million-dollar sanctions-busting deal, despite the continuing enmity between the two countries, according to oil analysts, Iraqi exiles and Iranian sources.

Iraqi companies run by Uday Hussein, the eldest son of President Saddam Hussein, sell 20,000 to 30,000 barrels of refined oil products a day to companies controlled by Medhi Rafsanjani, the second of President Rafsanjani's three sons, they said. The Iraqi companies also send Iran petrochemicals, fertilisers, cement, leather goods and dates.

The sources estimated that the trade earns the Iraqi companies $350,000 (£233,000) a day in hard currency. Some is hoarded, some is used to buy food for sale in Iraqi markets, and the rest buys spare parts for the military.

"It's strictly business and does not signal better ties between the two countries," said a senior oil analyst who travels frequently to Iran and Iraq. The oil products



Rafsanjani: son controls agencies for foreign firms

sent to Iran are mainly paraffin and gas oil that are refined at Baiji, Iraq's biggest refinery. They are transported by road to the nearby border town of Khanaqin, where they are collected by agents for Medhi Rafsanjani's companies and sold for internal consumption in Iran. While Iran is a big exporter of crude oil, its refining capacity is still lagging because of damage sustained in its eight-year war with Iraq.

Uday Hussein, in his early thirties, and Mehdi Rafsanjani, in his mid-twenties, are leading businessmen with reputations as entrepreneurs who have profited immensely from their connections. Uday, whose pivotal role in the black market has made him a multi-millionaire since the Gulf War, runs conglomerates involved in whisky, cigarettes, food, spare parts, the state lottery and foreign exchange dealings.

Uday runs the business with Hussein Kamal, his father's powerful son-in-law, who is the head of military industrialisation, the oil industry, agriculture and higher education. Uday, who diplomats believe is being groomed to succeed Saddam, has been put in charge of these portfolios while Hussein Kamal recovers from surgery on a benign brain tumour, the London-based Saudi paper *Sharq al-Awsat* reported.

Mehdi Rafsanjani has several agencies representing big foreign firms such as SNAM, an Italian oil construction company, and Daewoo, the South Korean car company. "Mehdi represents everything and anything that makes money in Iran," an Iranian businessman in Damascus said.

Uday Hussein is also profiting from sales of oil to the United Nations, which sends it to the Kurds in northern Iraq who are suffering from an embargo imposed by Baghdad, according to Dr Salah el-Shaikhly, the spokesman for the London-based Iraqi National Congress. "The UN acknowledges it's getting the oil from local sources, though obviously Uday doesn't pick up the cheque on television," Dr Shaikhly said. "The last consignment he sold to the UN for $52 million."

There are also unconfirmed reports in Baghdad and Tehran of co-operation to export refined Iraqi oil products from the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr as Iranian.

The UN Security Council imposed trade sanctions on Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait, but deals like that involving the Kurds are possible because of provision in UN resolutions for humanitarian relief.



President Saddam Hussein and Uday, his eldest son, who runs Iraqi companies evading oil sanctions imposed by the UN

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tourist train to Aswan bombed

Cairo: Egypt was racked by Islamic violence yesterday as six foreign tourists were wounded in an explosion on board a train, and two people died and eight were injured as an armoured force of 1,500 police stormed militant hideouts in the southern desert (Christopher Walker writes).

The explosive device went off in a first-class carriage of the train travelling from Cairo to the winter resort of Aswan, 30 minutes after it left the regional capital of Assut, a hotbed of Islamic fundmentalists, security sources said.

Two of the foreiners wounded were from Australia, two from Germany and two from New Zealand. Five Egyptians were also hurt. Their injuries were not serious.

The attack, the seond against a train carrying tourists along the same route in less than a week, comes after the expiry of an ultimatum by the main armed Islamic goup that all foreigners leave Egypt. Yesterday's explosion was the fourth attack aimed at foreigners since the "final warning" was issued. In the crackdown on the militants' desert hideouts one policeman and a militant were killed.

Smoking toll

Bonn: About 400 Germans die every year of lung cancer caused by passive smoking, professors from the German Heart Foundation and cancer research groups say. Many more people suffer serious health problems for the same reason. *(Reuter)*

Generals killed

Phnom Penh: Two Cambodian generals were killed by landmines during moping-up operations after the capture of the Khmer Rouge's northern headquarters at Along Veng, according to a government spokesman. *(Reuter)*

Rwanda boycott

Kigali: The swearing-in of a new Rwanda government was called off after Fautin Twagiramungu, the transitional Prime Minister, and political parties boycotted the ceremony because of an upsurge in violence. *(Reuter)*

Six die in quake

Tehran: At least six people were killed when an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale struck the village of Sefih-Abeh in the Sistn-Baluchistan province near the Iran-Afghan border, nearly 750 miles from Tehran. *(AFP)*

Tambo returns

Palm Island, Queensand: An emotional crowd of 2,000 greeted the body of Tarbo, a kidnapped Aborigine who died 110 years ago in the United States, when it was returned to his descendants. Tambo was forced to perform in a freak circus show. *(AP)*

Chant topper

Madrid: The monks of anto Domingo de Silos in northern Spain, whose Gregorian chant is at the top of the pop charts here with 300,000 CDs sold, are to release their unexpected success in 18 other countries, including Britain. *(AP)*

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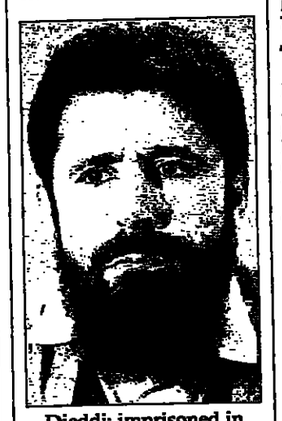
BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

TWO leading members of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) have been freed from jail by the Algerian government, which is desperately trying to halt the nation's slide towards civil war.

Ali Djeddi and Abdelkader Boukhakam are both members of the influential consultative council of the banned organisation and were jailed for four years each in 1992 on charges of complicity in the direction and organisation of an insurrectional movement.

Their unexpected release came after Monday's murder of a foreigner, the 22nd to be killed since late last year when militants told all foreigners to leave Algeria or face death.

In a separate move, it was reported from Damascus that President Assad of Syria, who took power in a 1970 coup, had ordered the release of three former leaders of the ruling Baath Party, who had been in prison since then. They were named as Ahmed Sweidani, a former military chief of staff, Mustafa Rustom, a former head of the party's military office, and Hadethi Murad.



Djeddi: imprisoned in July 1992 for four years

Mortuary markets terminal kitsch

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES County morgue, clearing house for dead film stars and 18,000 other corpses a year, is earning derision, incredulity and a projected $1 million turnover with a souvenir shop called "Skeletons in the Closet".

There is no public access to the mortuary's service entrance, where the air is thick with disinfectant and the smell of decomposing bodies. But upstairs in the administration block, tourists get a friendly welcome and an offer of a bargain.

Popular items from The Closet include "toe-tag" keyrings made from the blue plastic cards used to identify mutilated corpses ($4, £2.70), and holdalls emblazoned with a "chalk line body" like those drawn round the victims of an accident or shooting ($12).

This is one of the mortuary's two registered trademarks. The other, used on mugs and T-shirts, is a skeleton in cape and deerstalker called "Sherlock Bones". Money generated by the mortuary's one-woman marketing department goes to a programme to discourage youthful drunk driving. The toe card on the keyring bears the message "This could be you... please don't drink and drive".

A similar scheme was rejected last year in Houston, Texas, as being "positively unprofessional ad grossly insensitive to the victim's next of kin".

After a lull for the Northridge earthquake, when "I survived" T-shirts dominated the city's souvenir trade, business has been brisk. The scheme is the brainchild of Marilyn Lewis, the mortuary secretary and now its self-taught marketing guru.

She has sold out of pens and is planning a line of boxer shorts to be known as "Undertakers". There is interest from Japanese importers and a Canadian businessman has paid $40,000 for one year's rights to sell the mobid merchandise in Ontario. In the search for new attractions, anything goes.

Council defies Peking over changes

Hong Kong accepts Patten's reforms

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG legislators defied China last night and passed into law the first stage of the moderate constitutional change drawn up by the Governor, Chris Patten.

During the eight-hour debate, the colony's Legislative Council flew in the face of Peking's threats of dire consequences but also showed itself to be a microcosm of the political atmosphere here which is coming to the boil.

The word "racist" was used twice; one council member called himself "a Chinese running dog, which is better than being a British one"; another accused Britain of having "invaded Hong Kong"; a third accused a political enemy of being "like a bat which lives in the dark"; and one of Hong Kong's most vigorous feminists shouted so long and loudly at a respected legislator that her elderly target described herself as having been "tongue-lashed".

What the council passed is what has been called a portion of Mr Patten's plan, spelt out by the Governor in October 1992, then negotiated through 170 hours and 17 fruitless Sino-British negotiating sessions which broke down in December.

Yesterday's legislation stipulates a lower voting age, makes local councils wholly elected, defines how local government and Legislative Council members will be elected and gives Hong Kong citizens who sit in China's National People's Congress the right to run for office in the colony.

Late in the session, Elsie Tu, 81, a British woman who has lived in Hong Kong virtually all her life, injected drama into the debate by calling for it to be adjourned. Mrs Tu for decades has been a doughty fighter for what she calls grassroots rights, struggling against police corruption in the 1970s, demanding that local boards should have a say in solving local problems, and demanding better health and education. For years a succession of Governors sighed at the mention of her name.

Now Mrs Tu has conceived a terrible hatred for Mr Patten, whom she refers to as "the worst Governor we have ever had". She accuses him of preaching about human rights for his own political purposes, mocking the Chinese and verging on "racism".

Mrs Tu pleaded vainly with the council to delay accepting Mr Patten's plan so that China and Britain could resume their negotiations. The Governor will be "basking in glory" in Britain in 1997, Mrs Tu said, while Hong Kong will have to face the consequences of his reckless politics.

Fresh from his victory, Mr Patten will appear before the Legislative Council today to announce that tomorrow he will present to the council the second, and main, part of his plan. Also today Britain will publish a summary of the record of the 17 negotiating sessions with Peking.



The Capitoline Triad, a marble group of the imperial Roman gods Minerva, left, Jupiter and Juno with their symbolic animals, which was stolen during excavations west of Rome and has been recovered by the police

Symbol of Roman glory found by police

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ROME

THE only known surviving example of a statue group that symbolised the Roman Empire has been recovered by a police art theft squad after an 18-month search.

The Capitoline Triad, dating from the 2nd or 3rd century BC, was taken from a site at Guidonia, west of Rome, and found by police packed and ready to be sent abroad. Warrants have been issued for 29 people believed linked to an international ring. Two suspects have been arrested.

The 24-inch-high group is the only existing copy from the imperial era of the Triad, symbol of the Empire, worshipped in the Temple of Jupiter. It consists of three seated figures of Minerva, Jupiter and Juno with their sacred animals: the owl, eagle and peacock. The image of the goddesses appeared on Roman coins during the reigns of the emperors Trajan and Antoninus Pius.

Burma's military masters begin to soften their grip

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN RANGOON

FOREIGN envoys and residents here believe Burma's ruling military junta is likely to allow proposed talks between Aung San Suu Kyi, the detained opposition leader, and Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, the powerful military intelligence chief, to go ahead. There is, however, no prospect of her being released from house arrest.

The talks proposal was made by William Richardson, the American congressman who saw Daw Suu Kyi last week, the first outsider to do so in nearly five years.

The military's State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slorc) has not responded, but an informed Rangoon resident said yesterday: "I think they will authorise it. At the same time Slorc leaders have a weird fear — it seems a self-serving argument, but they really believe it — that Daw Suu Kyi could be killed by a right-wing nationalist, possibly from within the military itself, were she freed. So she could spend years more under guard."

Daw Suu Kyi's refusal of protection other than student bodyguards, combined with what one resident called her "martyr complex", fuel the supposed fears within Slorc, Western envoys say.

The military is orchestrating a constitutional convention with hand-picked delegates. Once a new constitution is adopted, with built-in guarantees of a continued strong military role, there will be fresh elections. One diplomat said: "The minimum period until elections can be arranged under the new constitution, and a new government appears, will be two years and it could stretch to four. Slorc will not risk freeing Daw Suu Kyi until after these elections take place."

At the same time diplomats add that the military, which detained Daw Suu Kyi in 1989 and refused to honour the results of elections in 1990 won overwhelmingly by her National League for Democracy, has recently taken "a few half-steps out of the bunker". They cite the release of 2,000 political prisoners last year and a mild economic liberalisation fuelled by foreign investment.

Rural dwellers have seen incomes modestly improve, thanks to good weather and incentives spurred by market reforms, and are producing bumper crops. After years of stagnation, gross domestic product increased 10.9 per cent last year. Arrests of dissidents have fallen because, one envoy said, people steer clear of politics.



Suu Kyi: junta thinks she might be killed

De Klerk stoned at rally in township

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk was virtually run out of a black township near Kimberley yesterday by angry blacks throwing stones and wads of paper as he tried to drum up support for his National Party.

He was struck by a egg-shaped object below the left ear, but it was not clear whether it was a wad of paper or a stone. Referring to the incident later, he said that "it wasn't hurtful".

Police said that they saw no such incident as Mr de Klerk campaigned in Posmasberg, 350 miles southwest of here. Major J. B. Hickman, police spokesman in the Northern Cape, where the President has taken his election road show on a three-day tour, said none of his men saw anything.

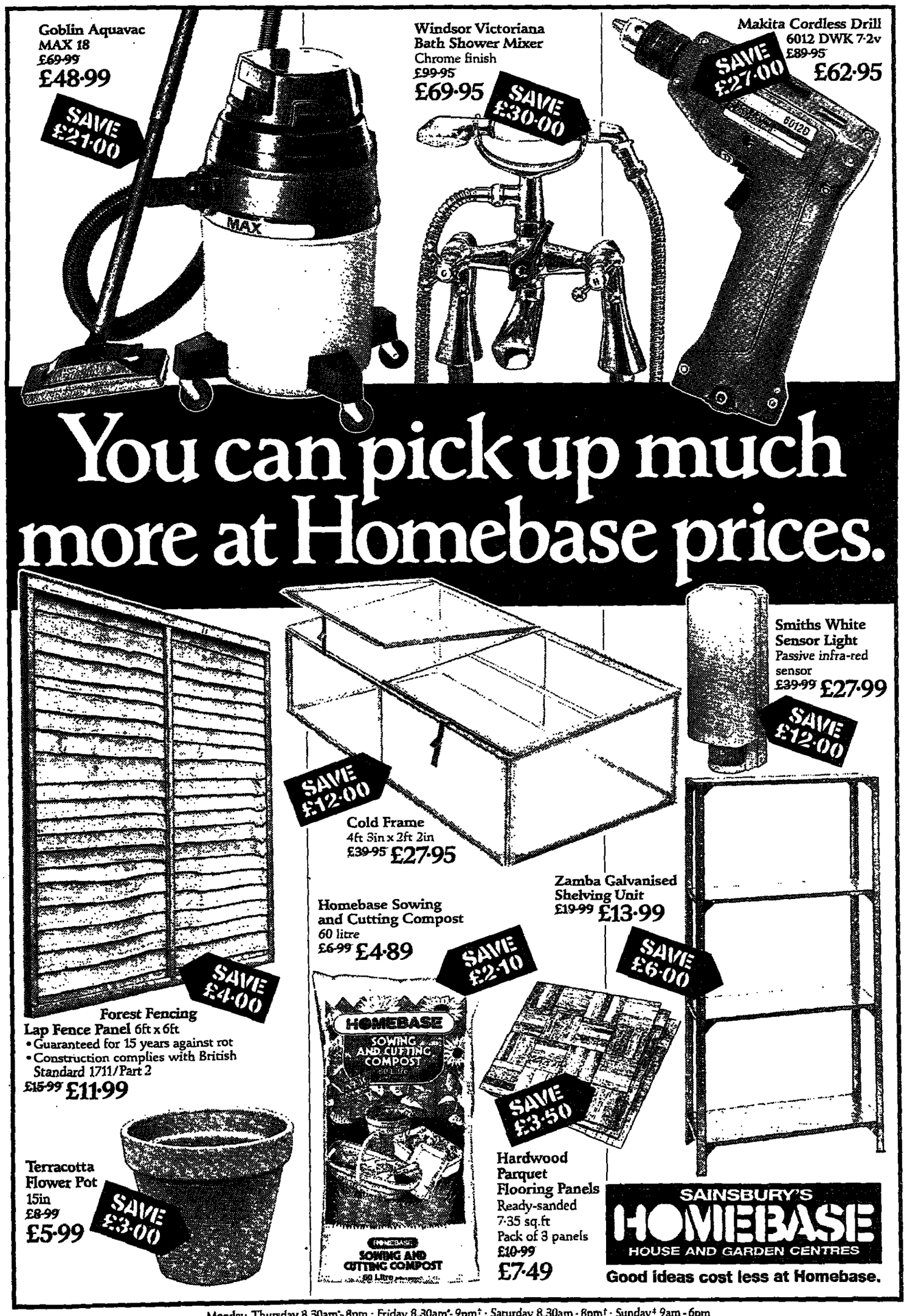
Mr de Klerk received a hostile reception in Postdene, the Coloured township outside the town centre. The crowd shouted him down, grabbed National Party paper flags from Mr de Klerk's supporters, crumbled them and hurled them at the President. After a few scuffles his security men escorted him away.

Mr de Klerk said later: "One continues to be shocked by ill-mannered and ill-directed leaders who prevent a leader from addressing his followers. It is proof of a chilling fact: the ANC has lost control over its youthful followers."

In another incident, a black youth in the centre of the town was arrested after he dropped to one knee and pretended to fire shots at the presidential motorcade with a toy gun. "He is lucky our snipers were not on that corner," a senior policemen said.

Mr de Klerk later cancelled a visit to Galishiwe, a black township outside Kimberley, where the youth league of the African National Congress was preparing another hostile reception. After hearing that two cars had already been set ablaze there, Mr de Klerk decided to stay away. He said: "The ball is now squarely in the ANC's court to control their supporters."

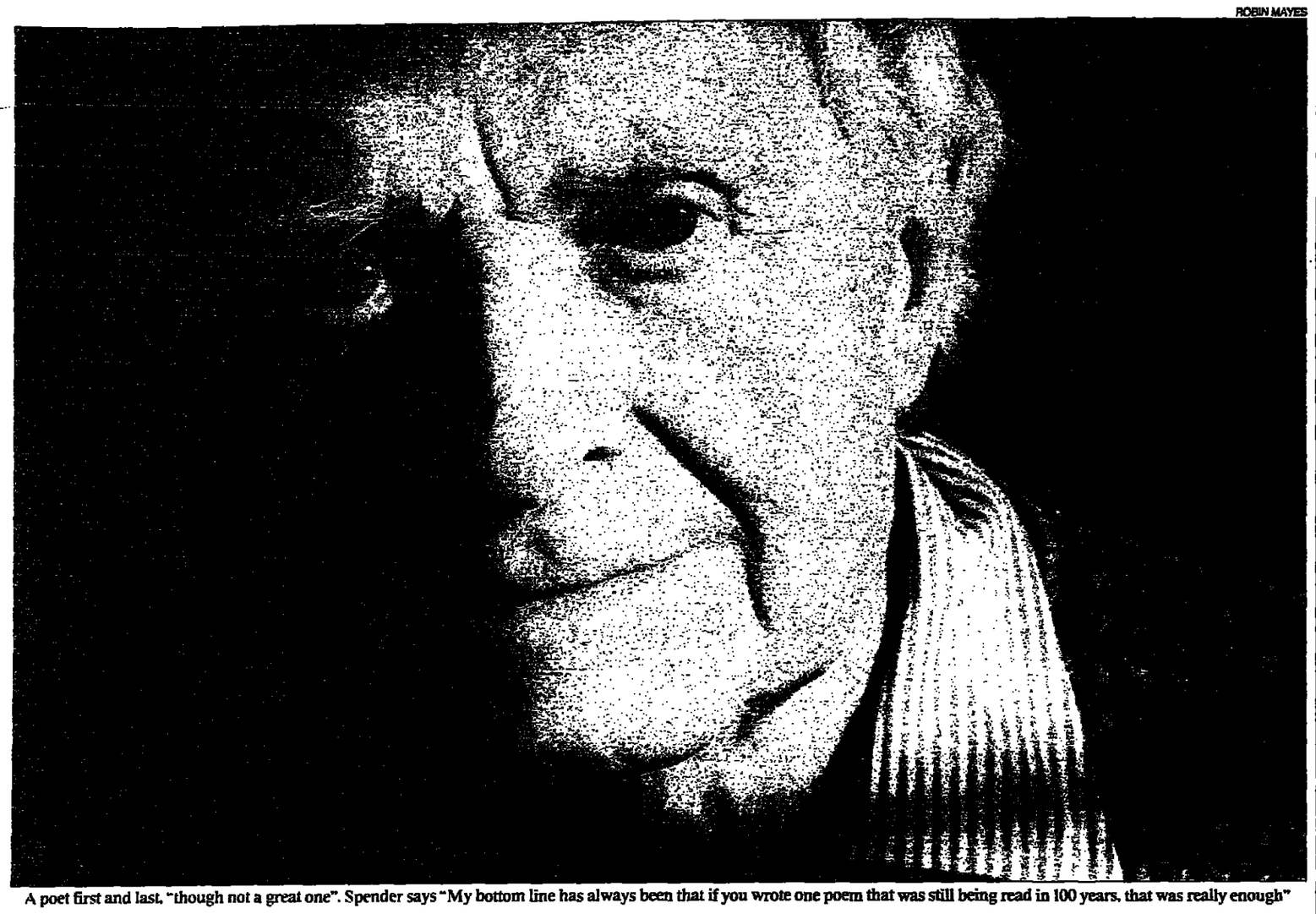
☐ **Harare**: Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian leader, issued a public challenge to Zimbabwe's governing party to put him on trial over renewed allegations that he commited crimes against humanity during his leadership in 1965-1979 (Michael Hartnack writes). Mr Smith, 74, is hoping to make a political comeback.



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Sir Stephen Spender tells **Julia Llewellyn Smith** about sex, poetry and the temptation of immortality

ROBIN MAYES



A poet first and last, "though not a great one". Spender says "My bottom line has always been that if you wrote one poem that was still being read in 100 years, that was really enough"

A last living relic of poetry's Old Gang

Sir Stephen Spender will be 85 on Monday and he wants to know what to do about all the dead people in his address book. "What do people do? You could cross through their names, but superstition stops *me doing that. It would be* doing them a bad turn, saying you have forgotten them, *which of course, is the last* thing you have done."

Louis MacNeice has been dead for more than 30 years, W.H. Auden and Cecil Day-Lewis for 20, Christopher Isherwood for eight. Sir Stephen, who became the unofficial chronicler of this Gang, described in his *Journals* as "the special band, the crew of voyagers, who have lived through so much", is now a revered relic of his generation.

Relic, however, implies immobility, but Sir Stephen is as active as ever. While most *octogenarians might mark* another birthday with a quiet tea party, he is celebrating with the publication of a new poetry collection, *Dolphins* — the first for 25 years — and a huge party thrown by his publisher, Faber.

He lives in a style befitting the elder statesman of British letters, in an elegant, blue house in north London, on a wide street where mothers wait in taxis with the meter *running, to pick up their* children from the American School. He is still a hugely tall, hugely handsome figure with blazing, if slightly rheumy blue eyes, matched by his pullover and shirt. His sitting room is all blue, too. On the mantelpiece are some Henry Moore bronzes, some grand, stiff invitations and a picture of the younger Stephen, gazing raptly into the middle distance.

So why after so long as, among other things, reviewer, critic, editor and university teacher, *has Sir Stephen* returned to poetry? Does he consider himself a poet? "Of course I'm lots of other things, I'm a husband, a father," he says in his gentle, grave tones. "But I still see myself primarily as a poet, although not a great one."

Poetry, he claims, has given him access to the minds of the great. "I have always said that if you could write a line equal to one of Shakespeare's, then it would be a key into Shakespeare's poetry," he says. And has he written anything to match Shakespeare? He laughs. "Well, Shakespeare wrote an awful lot of bad lines."

The self-effacement is second nature, the defence of a man who has spent a lifetime as a generous Salieri to *Auden's Mozart. Nobody* doubts his contribution to literature, as the editor of *Horizon* and *Encounter*, for example, but many are less kind about his poetic talents. His role seems to have been to pay tribute to others.

After a lifetime of being seen in relationship to others, Sir Stephen finds it hard to break the habit. "My son-in-law Barry Humphries, will be at my party," he tells me, which I *find confusing. This is no* secret, does he think I will view him differently now I know about his famous family?

If Sir Stephen is open to the fame of others, then he still wants his own. "I have always wanted immortality since I was about 15," he says. "My bottom line has always been that if you wrote one poem that was still being read in 100 years, that was really enough. *That was as far as my ambition* would go." "Worldsworth", a poem about *his childhood in Dolphins, is* the poem he thinks will stand up to this test.

He blames his numerous commitments, especially his journalism, for standing in the way of his true vocation and promises at least one more collection. "I regret a lot that my standards and reputation are to do with newspapers; it's rather terrible to think that. One does get involved in so many things . . ."

Nearly all Sir Stephen's work is concerned with human relationships. The en*riching presence of his family* — his second wife, Natasha, his son, Matthew, and daughter, *Lizzie, and his grandchil*dren — is felt throughout *Dolphins.*

What *is virtually absent* from the collection is the *political sensibility that fuelled* so much of his early work, that made him produce pamphlets, join the communists and go to Spain. "I have never thought that poetry should be about politics, but things were very different at the time of Fascism."

In reality, he has never departed too far from his liberal roots, the bequest of his journalist father. "*I'm always to the Left because* I think they do more for education. But there are not *really big alternatives in the* world today, like there were. Both parties today are trying to show that *they have better* economics than the other. Economics should be second to political causes, as the general public distrusts the economics of both sides."

We were talking the afternoon before the House of Commons voted on reducing the age of consent for homosexuals. As one who has never *denied his youthful homosex*ual encounters, what did he think the age should be? He *looks baleful. "I think I'm in* favour of 18, I'm rather ashamed to say. I'm divided *between them, in a very* Liberal way. You can never make up your mind."

Shame takes over. "Let's say I'm in favour of 16. Sixteen-year-olds are 18-year-olds in my kind of terms, because they obviously are . . . I mean, at Oxford all of us were virgins and certainly at school."

This is not the impression given by a recent novel, *When England Sleeps*, by David Leavitt, based on Sir Stephen's autobiography *World Within World*, in which the poet's youthful relationships are described in lurid, imaginary *detail. Sir Stephen succeeded* in stopping sales, claiming plagiarism. It was offensive, he says, to have someone else's sexual fantasy harnessed to his life.

He also responded sharply to his unofficial biography by Hugh David, dismissing it as inaccurate rubbish. He has put a 40-page rebuttal in the British Library to aid future Spender scholars.

But there must be an official biography. *Sir Stephen shows* no false modesty here. "Yes, I have one or two key people in *mind but nothing fixed for the* time being. They are both very busy."

It would be a difficult task, however, to preserve this man who is still striving to explore himself, to fulfil his role laid out in *World Within World* as "An autobiographer striving for forms in which to express the stages of my development." Many of his poems have been written over as long as eight years because he feels *experience can constantly add* to the germ of an original idea.

The quest has not, however, *left him bitter. Rather, he* appears a contented man. "I've been an incredibly lucky per*son, touch wood", he says,* patting the bookcase, just above the collected, hardback works of Proust.

Sharing my sins with a woman

Ruth Gledhill makes her confession to one of the first women soon to be ordained in the Church of England

The attractive, dark-haired woman deacon, soon to be ordained priest, told me: "If you have something very grave on your conscience it is sometimes very important to open it up to God through another person." We were sitting in Church House, Westminster, and I was nervously trying to think of something to confess. It wasn't *difficult.*

My first confession to a woman took place minutes *after the general synod of the* Church of England had taken the plunge and made its *definitive decision that women* could be ordained priests.

For the first time, women *will not only be able to* celebrate Holy Communion and give the general blessing, but they will be able to absolve a person from his or her sins. However, they will not be authorised to practise as priests until March 13, or until they are ordained.

> 'I felt healed and cried all the way back to the office'

The Rev Susan Hope, deacon-in-charge of a parish in Sheffield, will not be able officially to absolve me of my sins until she is ordained. Never*theless, I decided* to work through the standard list of seven *deadly sins, beginning with* the most pressing and the most complex: lust and pride.

The Anglican confessional is used widely, in particular among traditionalists. More recently, the use of confession has also grown in the evangelical and charismatic wings. The Rev Eric Shegog, director of communications for the Church of England, explains: "With regard to confession, I was taught that all may, some *should, but none ought."*

After confession, Anglican penitents are rarely asked to recite a number of Hail Marys, but are offered only forgiveness. The confession *tends to be in the open and* face-to-face. And, in the Anglican provinces where women are already ordained, increasing numbers of men and women are turning to them to confess those sins, often of a sexual nature, that they believe a man simply would not understand as well.

Miss Hope, an evangelical, quotes from James 5:16. "*James invites us to confess* our sins to one another and be healed. Confession and healing are very closely *linked. It is* about facing up to who you are, to reality, and not running away."

Parishioners often seek her out for informal confession. "They need to talk about things that are on their conscience. In many ways, the very act of opening up is the act that begins to bring healing and release."

I described to her the problem so many feel when *confessing lust, the difficulty* in knowing where the natural, healthy desire of love ends, *and the sinfulness of concupis*cence begins. Miss Hope explained: "Lust is the desire to *possess and manipulate* another and is very self-centred. *Love is self giving.* The two are terribly easily tangled up."

Anger was easy to confess to, as anyone who drives a car in London will understand. "Anger when driving is often the fruit of days of bottling up," she said. "It can be *repressed depres*sion. In a car you are in control, and anonymous. *You can be angry with* the drivers in front of you because you are not in a long-term relationship with them."

Under pride, the hardest, I confessed ambition. She told me: "Pride is often the bad side of a good coin. God wants us to enjoy ourselves and our gifts. But pride is often rooted in insecurity. It makes us *weigh ourselves up against* others in order to put ourselves at the top."

To end, I opted for a formal prayer, sitting down, but with a laying on of hands. After a period of silence, she opened her hands wide, saying: "Confess your sins to one another *and be healed. Almighty God,* we thank you that through your son Jesus, we can find forgiveness, release and healing."

Laying her right hand on my head, she prayed for healing. Even though technically not absolved, I still felt in some way healed, and cried all the way back to the office.



Susan Hope listens to Ruth Gledhill's confession



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How dark myths of unspeakable barbarism gave rise to modern racism

Hannibal and other cannibals

MARINA Warner delivered her penultimate Reith lecture last night and drew on evidence from Hannibal Lecter to the birth of Zeus to explain how myths about cannibalism have shaped modern attitudes to imperialism and racism.

Under the title "Cannibal Tales: The Hunger for Conquest", Warner takes as her first example a painting by Turner, which shows drowning slaves being pursued by shoals of hungry sea monsters.

The artist was inspired by a story about the owners and captain of a slave ship, who were charged with fraud in 1783 by an insurance *company. They had claimed for the* deaths of a cargo of slaves, but the policy did not cover illness. In fact, *the captain had thrown 122 sick men* and women overboard in order to collect the money.

In *Slavers throwing overboard the dead and dying — Typhoon coming on*, Turner shows whiskered, jowly sea-monsters preparing for a feeding frenzy. The monsters represent the *bewhiskered traders, says Warner.*

Arguing that cannibalism is a deep-seated racial myth, in which slaves are seen as barbarians, she says: "Those fish preying on human flesh are metaphorical cannibals, like the slave traders."

Cannibalism has recently surfaced as a modern myth in films by Peter Greenaway and thrillers such as *The Silence of the Lambs*, in which Hannibal Lecter eats the flesh of his victims. The idea of consuming flesh is a compelling one, she argues: "*Control of the processes of consump*tion confers great power."

Cannibalism is a theme in Christianity, where the faithful consume the blood and body of Christ, but has earlier roots in Greek myth, says Warner.

Zeus survives only because his mother, Rhea, foils his father's plan to eat all his children by substituting a stone wrapped in swaddling clothes for the baby.

Cannibalism often occurs alongside incest as a demonstration of the gods' "spectacular flouting of human laws", *Warner says.* Cronus's cannibalism is a double outrage against human order because his children were borne by Rhea, his sister.

"Incest figures as a form of metaphorical cannibalism: eating your own. Cannibals fail to see their prey as their kind, and this is an act which effectively exiles them from humanity," she says.

Like incest, cannibalism has always been a "key metaphor of *outrageous transgression*", combining lawlessness and irrationality, Warner argues. When the cannibal is not a god, the consumption of human flesh is usually the mark of the beast: in Christian images of hell, little devils are often pictured eating themselves and each other.

*But the most compel*ling modern image of cannibalism is of black Africans jumping round missionaries in the cooking pot, she says. Warner spent part of her childhood in Belgium, where stories about the consumption of missionaries in the Congo (now Zaire) went unquestioned.

Cannibalism has been a handy accusation to sling at "aliens" down the centuries, Warner says. Early Christians were accused of cannibalism during Roman persecutions; pogroms were unleashed against Jews, charged with eating Christian children; witches needed baby fat to make their flying ointment for broomsticks.

Warner is convinced that there is no hard evidence for the existence of cannibalism as a routine form of sustenance. But the myth refuses to go away, partly because "cannibalism helped to justify . . . the presence of the invader, the settler, the trader, bringing civilisation", she says.

Shakespeare's Caliban is a key figure in the history of colonialism, imperialism and racism, Warner says. The deformed slave shows Prospero and his daughter the "wonders of the isle", he lives with them like one of the family, but later attempts to violate Miranda in an attempt to people the whole island with Calibans.

"Caliban's role touches one of the most sensitive areas in contemporary race relations; he reveals once again how the character of civilisation and barbarism so often turn on the question of alliance and family, and how the fear of cannibalism and incest are connected," says Warner.

His rape attempt has relevance today in an understanding of racism, she says, citing a 1991 survey for which people were asked to estimate the black population of Britian. Some people believed Afro-Caribbean people made up a quarter of the total population, while the "imagined hordes" in fact consitute *nearer a* twentieth, she says.

"From submersion, from engulfment, the images can return," Warner concludes, "the drowned can rise, the devoured be pieced together and the tongueless past tell its stories."



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Mapping out our genes



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A LITTLE under a year ago, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund announced that as a result of ten years' major international effort by scientists in Britain and America the gene which causes Huntington's Chorea had been isolated. Huntington's Chorea is a particularly unpleasant, and eventually fatal, hereditary disease which causes progressive paralysis, mental retardation and in some cases psychotic behaviour. It affects 3,000 people in the UK, about 100,000 world-wide.

Although the later work on the search for the gene has been co-ordinated in America, where four teams are working on it, much of the original work was done at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's (ICRF) laboratories in London and the Institute of Medical Genetics at the University of Wales.

It became known this week that Dr Hans Lehrach, the leader of research into genetic mapping at ICRF, is negotiating with the Max Planck Institute in Berlin, although no final agreement has as yet been reached, to move to Germany together, it is said, with a sizeable portion of his 50-strong team.

The ICRF team is considered to be not only the pre-eminent genetic mapping team in Britain but is only equalled, and certainly not surpassed, by two other international centres, one in France and one in America. The team is also the flagship of the basic medical scientific research at the ICRF laboratories.

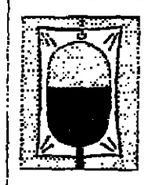
Genetic mapping, although considered a basic medical science, has far-reaching clinical significance. As well as working on Huntington's Chorea, Dr Lehrach and his colleagues have done pioneering work with clinical applications into the genetic transmission of some forms of leukaemia, and have been involved with the search for those genes ultimately responsible for such malignancies as the small cell cancers of the lung and cancer of the breast. Thus if Dr Lehrach leaves, it would be a blow to London medicine.

An associate of Dr Lehrach said that funding was not the only factor. Scientists always want to work in an intellectually stimulating environment where medical morale is high, he said. But the planned closure of some of the greatest London teaching hospitals, such as Bart's and Guy's, means that the erosion of London as one of the world's great medical centres has now reached a point where the loss of prestigious international names is inevitable.

A spokesman for the ICRF said that it was aware that negotiations were taking place and that if Dr Lehrach did eventually decide to go, they would still have access to his expertise, although they would obviously miss his presence. Such was the free flow of information from one scientific centre to another that his skills and guidance would not be lost to ICRF and British medicine.

The ICRF provides Dr Lehrach's research team with well over £1 million a year for his work, and it has also received other outside funding. The research fund is a multi-disciplinary research organisation, gene mapping is only one of many lines of research being followed — all of which operate without government funding.

Happy hearts



WPC Leslie Harrison, the Merseyside policewoman who was stabbed in the heart with a screwdriver, owes her life to the speed of her admission to hospital, and the quick thinking of her doctors.

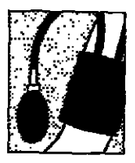
The heart is contained within a sac, the pericardium, when the heart muscle bleeds the sac fills with blood which squeezes it so that it is no longer able to beat freely. The pressure on the ventricles, the main pumping chambers of the heart, reduces their efficiency with the result that the whole body is progressively deprived of blood and oxygen. This sequence is known as cardiac tamponade

WPC Harrison felt "an excruciating pain", then, as the ventricles started to fail, the blood pressure fell and she was overcome by unutterable weariness before lapsing into unconsciousness.

A doctor trearing a case of cardiac tamponade has to open the chest and the pericardial sac, thereby allowing the blood which is collected around the heart to be released. WPC Harrison's doctor then plugged the hole in the bleeding heart muscle with his finger before finally stitching the wound and staunching the flow.

Professor Brian Pentecost, of the British Heart Foundation, said that the most common cause of cardiac tamponade wasn't from penetrating wounds to the chest, or from crush injuries in road accidents, but from the rupture of the heart two or three days after a heart attack which had irredeemably damaged the heart muscle.

Calm 'n slow



"UP TO a point Lord Copper", would seem to be an appropriate medical response to Virginia Bottomley's prescription for the treatment of high blood pressure. The Secretary of State is reported as saying that doctors should stop dispensing expensive drugs when cheaper treatment might be more effective: she prescribed exercise for hypertension.

Mrs Bottomley's suggestion unfortunately coincided with a report in the *Journal of Human Hypertension* on the value of exercise in hypertensive middle-aged men. The survey, conducted by the British Regional Heart Study, showed that men in their forties and fifties who had a raised blood pressure, and also played tennis, jogged furiously and sweated it out on the squash court, were 20 per cent more likely to have a heart attack than those who took no exercise at all. The increased risk was independent of other factors such as smoking, raised cholesterol and drinking. The men were regularly reviewed for nearly ten years, none had any previous history of heart disease or strokes.

Mrs Bottomley's advice is not entirely without merit. Although a hard game of tennis is not likely to prolong the life of a middle-aged hypertensive man, those who took regular moderate exercise, a daily walk for instance, reduced their chances of a heart attack by 60 per cent.

Drug detection's crowning glory

Hair analysis is proving a vital tool in fighting drug abuse, reports **Dr James Le Fanu**



HUman hair has no useful physiological function. Whether on the head, chest, in the armpits or the groin, its role is merely ornamental. This eclectic distribution poses a fundamental difficulty for evolutionary theory.

The hairiness of our forefathers — Neanderthal man and homoerectus — usefully protected against the scorching heat of the sun and sudden chills in wet weather. It is difficult to see the advantage in becoming progressively less hairy as man has moved up the evolutionary tree.

The great Victorian evolutionist Alfred Russell Wallace called this paradoxical evolutionary shift towards denudation a true biological mystery, and perhaps even evidence that "some intelligent being has guided and determined the development of man".

Charles Darwin, who had a genius for overcoming theoretical objections such as this, admitted the gradual loss of hair was difficult to reconcile with natural selection. He proposed instead it was a function of sexual selection. Men and women, he suggested, choose their partners on the ground of physical attractiveness, and as the less hairy would have the advantage of superior beauty they would be the most successful in mating.

Being only a physical adornment, medical interest in human hair has been limited to studying the causes of the cosmetic catastrophe of baldness.

There are 100,000 hair follicles on the average human scalp, which go through a three-yearly cycle of growth and loss. Cells at the base of the follicle elongate to form a thin filament and then push upwards, differentiating into a hard outer cuticle and an inner cortex. Hair growth continues at a rate of between ¼in and 1½in a month for approximately 1,000 days, until the follicle enters a quiescent phase of 100 days, before the hair falls out.

In the aftermath of childbirth, high fever, emotional stress and the administration of anti-cancer drugs, the cycle is accelerated, leading to the diffuse hair loss associated with these conditions.

In alopecia areata there is a sudden and catastrophic hair loss, and this is also believed to explain the bizarre phenomenon of sudden whitening of the hair following emotional trauma, where the pigmented hairs all fall out together.

Recent medical interest in the cycle of hair growth and loss has shifted to focus on its unique attribute as a record of the fluctuating levels of trace elements and drugs in the body. The base of the hair follicle is surrounded by a rich network of capillaries and, as the hair grows, chemicals leak out of the blood to be incorporated into the shaft.

Being non-degradable, hair can thus provide a chemical record of astonishing permanence. Dr Angela Springfield of the University of North Texas has recently shown that hairs plucked from ancient Peruvian mummies contain high levels of cocaine, confirming that the chewing of cocoa leaves was a long established tradition in South America.

Hair analysis as a diagnostic technique fell into disrepute in the 1980s, hijacked by dubious private clinics which offered a "trace element profile" which could explain a multiplicity of poorly defined symptoms. It was not unusual for prospective customers to be told they were deficient in most of the essential elements — copper, zinc, cobalt and so on — which could be corrected only by buying extra vitamin and chemical supplements.

However, hair analysis for the presence of drugs of abuse is a completely different matter, and has transformed the possibilities of detection and treatment. The standard method of identifying opiate abuse is by measuring levels in the urine, but this is limited to the previous 24 hours, and is relatively easily evaded by, for example, switching urine sample bottles.

Hair analysis overcomes these problems by providing a chemical "tape recorder" of illicit drug use stretching back over years, and is now the favoured method for mandatory drug screening by the US army.

Dr Colin Brewer has pioneered hair analysis in Britain at the Stapleford Centre, a private drug addiction unit. He has found its sensitivity and evasion-resistance immensely useful. Assessment of response to treatment is now virtually foolproof. Take a strand of hair, chop it up into inch-long segments, and if the sample from nearest the scalp is free of morphine, cocaine or amphetamines, one can be absolutely sure these drugs have not been taken over the previous month. "It is a powerful bargaining tool in securing realistic improvements in drug-related behaviour," he says.



Purely decorative: Bertha Howard in 1946

Another great use has been in assisting the courts when, all too frequently, they have to deal with drug-related offences. "It is extremely helpful in preparing medico-legal reports to be able to show, in a particularly convincing way, that a patient has become abstinent for a significant period, or has virtually stopped using a drug which was previously associated with criminal activity," Dr Brewer says.

Human hair may well be just a physical adornment, but in the fight against drug abuse it has turned out to be remarkably useful.

Circumcision is rarely necessary, argues **Aileen Ballantyne**

Must babies suffer this?

For boys born into the Jewish or Muslim religions circumcision is generally regarded as a necessity. But is it an option that parents who have no compelling religious reason should consider for their sons? Is there any real medical need to remove the foreskin?

Circumcision was first introduced into British medical practice by Victorian doctors keen to discourage masturbation (they thought that it reduced sexual pleasure) and its imagined serious effects on health. Until the 1940s the operation was regularly carried out on the newborn. Although its popularity has waned since then, still about one in 15 English boys will have been circumcised by their early teens, indeed it is a tradition in some upper class families.

In United States' hospitals more than 80 per cent of newborn boys undergo the procedure, earning doctors about $250 million a year.

There is a pervasive, but ill-founded belief among some British parents that it is somehow "cleaner" to be circumcised. However, the overwhelming consensus of senior paediatric surgeons and paediatric urologists is that circumcision is not medically necessary except to treat one or two rare conditions.

The first condition is "true" phimosis, affecting about one in 100 boys, in which the foreskin still cannot be retracted by the age of 17. The process of retraction is gradual: at birth, only 4 per cent of male babies have foreskins which can be fully retracted; but by the age of five, the figure is 90 per cent.

The second medical reason for circumcision is to treat recurring, serious attacks of balanoposthitis — inflammation of the foreskin and head of the penis. Mild versions affect about one in 25 boys in pre-school years, and can easily be treated with an antibiotic cream or creams similar to those used for nappy rash. "In many children that is all this condition amounts to," said Mr Paul Tam, reader in paediatric surgery at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. "No one would dream of treating nappy rash with a radical surgical procedure, yet circumcisions are still being carried out for such trivial reasons."

> Pain is severe and can last a week

Although a minor operation, like any other circumcision is not without risk. New evidence about the ability of newborn babies to experience pain has made many surgeons less willing to circumcise until the child is three months old and able to have a general anaesthetic. Post-operative pain can be severe and last for a week.

The American view of circumcision is quite different. There doctors argue that it reduces urinary tract infections (UTI) in babies under the age of a year, and sexually transmitted diseases later. It also prevents against penile cancer, they say, though this is an extremely rare disease (there are only about 200 cases a year in Britain, most of them in very old men).

There is some evidence suggesting that hospital admission for UTI is up to 11 times more likely in uncircumcised male babies. But the risks associated with the operation are at least as great as the risk of contracting a UTI in the first year of life. "To carry out an operation based on odds like that is simply not good medicine," Mr Tam said.

The studies which purport to show that circumcision may help prevent sexually transmitted diseases are regarded as highly unreliable by British specialists.

If your son is complaining of some penile soreness, you may well meet the attitude that "the foreskin is too tight, so we might as well remove it". But before going ahead it is as well to remember that two thirds of the non-religious circumcisions carried out in British hospitals are medically unnecessary, and that the vast majority of problems will have cleared up naturally or with minimal treatment by 17.

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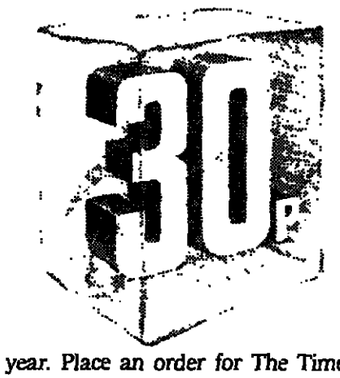
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The spy who knew too much

Christopher Andrew on the mole who told the KGB that communism was doomed

A high-level KGB conference early in 1984 concluded in a secret report that the Soviet agency had "not had great success against the Main Adversary" — the United States. (KGB jargon described China, by contrast, merely as "a Major Adversary".) A major effort was required "to improve performance in recruitment of Americans".

Such complaints continued for the next year. In June 1984, the head of KGB foreign intelligence, General Vladimir Kryuchkov, informed KGB "residences" abroad that "all the diverse intelligence assignments against the United States" could not be fulfilled unless there was a "radical improvement" in the recruitment of American agents. In February 1985, one month before Mikhail Gorbachev became Soviet leader, Kryuchkov, in a furious speech, denounced "the low standard" of attempts by residencies around the world to recruit major American agents.

If this week's charges against Aldrich Ames are correct — and they have yet to be proved — the KGB soon afterwards made one of its most successful American recruitments of the Cold War. Ames's knowledge of both American intelligence operations against the Soviet Union and American counter-measures against Soviet operations must have made him an obvious target for KGB recruitment. The overriding operational priority was "the recruitment of valuable agents".

Successful high-level KGB penetration of the CIA would help to explain Gorbachev's remarkable confidence in Kryuchkov. In December 1987, unobserved by the world's media, Kryuchkov travelled incognito to Washington with Gorbachev for the summit meeting with President Reagan. No previous Soviet leader had ever taken his foreign intelligence chief to a Western summit. In 1988, Kryuchkov became the first foreign intelligence chief ever to become chairman of the KGB. This unprecedented promotion was one which Gorbachev eventually bitterly regretted, for Kryuchkov later became the chief organiser of the coup in 1991 which briefly removed him from power.

Intelligence supplied by a high-level KGB mole in the CIA during the final years of the Soviet Union must have had an extraordinary irony. At the beginning of 1989, secret CIA assessments began for the first time to suggest that Gorbachev's reform programme, combined with accelerating economic decline, might cause the collapse of the entire communist edifice. Over the next two years, the KGB would have followed, in depressing detail, CIA reports on the disintegration of the Soviet system.

From 1989 onwards, with supreme irony, CIA assessments discussed the possibility of a coup against Gorbachev involving the KGB. A CIA report in May 1991 concluded that the KGB leadership was "increasingly desperate" and spoke of "a possibility that they could act against Gorbachev at any time".

Since Kryuchkov was the chief plotter, he must have read reports like these with particular attention. On August 17, the CIA reported that the coup appeared imminent. It began the following day. Rarely has any intelligence chief received such embarrassing intelligence from a mole in the enemy camp.

The reports received by Moscow can have been little compensation for the series of setbacks it endured at the end of the 1980s and the start of the 1990s. The KGB's main aim in 1989 was to preserve the Soviet bloc. In the event, Gorbachev let it go without a struggle, and as a result was condemned as a "traitor" by Kryuchkov's successor as foreign intelligence chief, Leonid Shebarshin. The KGB was equally unsuccessful in its attempts to preserve the Soviet Union in 1991.

The real damage done by the alleged KGB agent in the CIA was almost certainly to American agents and other intelligence sources in the Soviet Union. The FBI alleges that Ames "compromised human assets". Those "assets" may well have been British as well as American. Early in 1985, Oleg Gordievsky, the head of KGB political intelligence in London, who had briefed Gorbachev during his visit to Margaret Thatcher in December 1984, was promoted to the position of "resident" (head of the KGB station). Unknown to the KGB, he had been working for 11 years as a remarkably successful British mole within the KGB.

> Who betrayed the Russian mole?

In May 1985, the KGB discovered that he had been working for M16 and summoned him back to Moscow. That, says the FBI, is precisely when Ames began working for the KGB. If the FBI's charges against Ames are correct, the damage assessments on both sides of the Atlantic are bound to consider whether the "damage" included the end of Gordievsky's career as a British agent.

Whatever the truth about Ames, it is probable that when the secret history of the final phase of the Cold War is finally disclosed, Western intelligence will prove to have had the upper hand. The Ames case provides further evidence of Western successes. We are told that Ames was uncovered as the result of a tip-off from a Soviet defector. If that is true, the unidentified defector will probably turn out to have been very important, for the identity of a major KGB mole in the CIA would have been known only to a very small circle. Anyone capable of betraying him is probably as significant as the man he betrayed.

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Roy Hattersley could have been leader but was born at the wrong time, writes **Anthony Howard**

A radical doomed to play second fiddle

Roy Hattersley's announcement that he is to give up his Commons seat at the next election marks the end of a chapter in Labour politics. Along with Shirley Williams and Brian Walden, he was one of the cadre of bright young Labour MPs who first came to Westminster in 1964 at the dawn of the Wilson era. At that time they thought they had the world at their feet — and for a time they had.

At least Hattersley and Shirley Williams each made it to the Cabinet — although in Hattersley's case only after Harold Wilson had departed. He sat at Jim Callaghan's Cabinet table, however, for only two-and-a-half years. The way the subsequent electoral cards fell out ensured that the main weight of his career was spent in Opposition. He belongs, in fact, to the lost Labour generation.

The loss is greater in Hattersley's case than in most. Articulate, aggressive and self-confident, he has always appeared as one of those politicians cut out for office — as even Wilson recognised when he made him an under-secretary and, at 34, the youngest member of his Government in 1967. From then on he was never off either the Government or Opposition front bench until he resigned the deputy leadership of the Labour Party 18 months ago.

If there were any justice in the political world, he rather than Neil Kinnock would have become leader of the party in 1983. But the clamour to "skip a generation" and the method of leadership selection by the so-called "electoral college" shattered his hopes. He had to rest content with second place.

Yoked together through nine long years, Kinnock and Hattersley could never quite help looking like the odd couple. That they managed to rub along as well as they did is itself a tribute to the qualities of each man, for they were in fact polar opposites. Kinnock was quick, instinctive and, as events were to demonstrate, travelling light, without much in the way of ideological baggage, while Hattersley was moored in a romantic view of the party's past, holding a body of beliefs which, though coherent, sometimes threatened to turn him into the last apostle of old Labourism.

Yet at the dispatch box there was never any doubt who was the more capable performer. When Kinnock got up in a big debate, the boys on the back benches always had cause to bite their nails; when Hattersley rose they could afford to sit back and enjoy themselves. At Prime Minister's Questions, he occasionally managed to score runs even off Margaret Thatcher. He may never have matched Kinnock as a platform orator, but as an all-round parliamentarian he had few rivals.

Probably Hattersley was never made to be a second violin. He needed — like his hero, Gladstone — to lead the orchestra. In that sense, his has probably been a thwarted political career — and in his more sombre moments recently he appears to have accepted this. But as a politician he has been unusual in having a parallel career, and might well have made his name by writing rather than in politics.

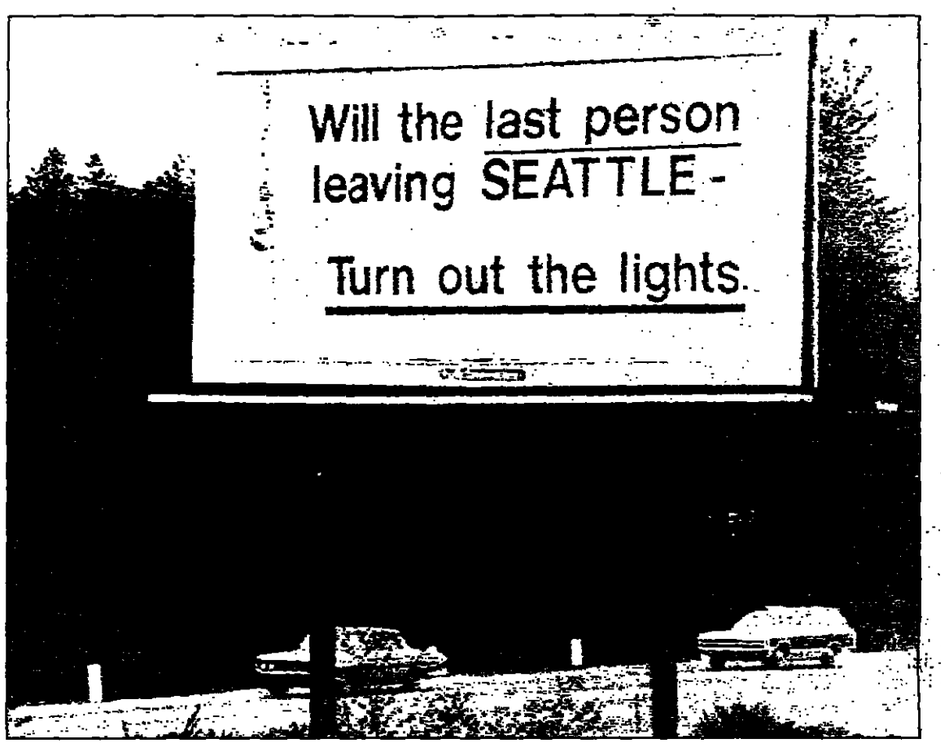
His first book, on Nelson, published in 1974, is probably best forgotten, but the 1976 volume of essays *Goodbye to Yorkshire* is rightly regarded as a classic. It was that book which persuaded me as editor of *The Listener* to offer him a regular weekly column called "Endpiece". Fifteen years later, the column continues by other means in *The Guardian*. There have since been his moving youthful memoir, *A Yorkshire Boyhood*, a trilogy of Hattersley family novels, two works of political theory (never his strongest suit despite his veneration of Anthony Crosland) and a seemingly endless stream of books of collected pieces — the latest of which, *Between Ourselves*, comes out next month.

Politics, though, is a jealous trade, and it may be that his thirst to write had an adverse effect on Hattersley's standing and prospects within the Labour Party. It was Denis Healey, borrowing the 18th-century Duke of Gloucester's remark to Edward Gibbon, who years ago clamped him brutally on the shoulder and remarked: "Always, scribble, scribble, scribble! Eh! Mr Hattersley?" Even Neil Kinnock was not above making occasional jokes about his being "a part-time politician". If so, he was an extraordinarily renowned one. It is not given to every parliamentarian to lend his name to a television comedy series but, as the soon-to-depart Member for Sparkbrook is fond of wryly recalling, he is the eponymous hero of *Spitting Image*. Thanks to *Private Eye*, he has also for many years been a legend in his own lunchtime, and only recently he achieved the further accolade of being represented as a tub of lard on *Have I Got News For You?* on the BBC.

The truth is that Hattersley belongs to an era that now is largely over, when politicians were not cardboard creations but larger-than-life flesh-and-blood characters. It was his misfortune to live out of his time. He would have been more at home in the age of H.G. Wells and Arnold Bennett or even that of J.B. Priestley. Then, as he made his very English journey, we could all have tipped our caps and murmured, "God bless you, Mr Hattersley, sir." Perhaps we still can as, robed in ermine, he eventually makes his way to his resting-place in the House of Lords. Not that he will ever feel at ease in that archaic, antiquated assembly — for, like Gladstone (who never went there), he has remained at heart, through all of his party's recent retreats and capitulations, an authentic radical.

Can we escape depression?

A global economic shift towards Asia may impoverish the West for two generations



William Rees-Mogg

Seattle is one of the most successful cities in the United States, and has been doing particularly well in the difficult 1990s. It is the home town of Boeing, the world's leading civil aircraft manufacturer, and of Microsoft, the world's dominant software company. One of the businessmen I met last week in Dallas has his office in a 1991 office building which he describes as "probably the best office accommodation in Seattle". After three years it is only 46 per cent occupied.

The American recovery is no better than patchy. Sales are strong one month, but weak the next. House prices are rising in Illinois, but still falling in California and New England. Housing starts were above expectation in December, but — even allowing for the snow — were disappointing in January. Statistically, the American recovery is now nearly three years old — which is old age in terms of the short-term business cycle — yet it has never really taken off. We have had much the same type of weak recovery in Britain, although ours began later. In the European Union, industrial production fell by 3.5 per cent in 1993.

There is a theory which would account for this. Joseph Schumpeter published his *Business Cycles* in 1939, in what we can now see was the early recovery phase of the great depression. He advanced the theory that there were three business cycles, named after the economists who identified them: a Kondratiev, which he thought had an average period of 57 years, a Juglar, with a period of 9½ years, and a Kitchin, with a period of three years and 2 months.

The pattern of Kondratiev depressions can be traced well back in history with considerable plausibility. There was a depression in the 1570s which bankrupted William Shakespeare's entrepreneurial father. There was a depression in the 1630s which helped to precipitate the civil war and the fall of Charles I. There was a depression in the 1670s, associated with Charles II's stop on the Exchequer. There was a depression in the 1720s, following the South Sea Bubble. There was a depression in the 1780s, which led to the fall of Louis XVI. There was a post-war depression in the 1820s. There was a depression in the 1870s which bankrupted almost all the property developers in Berlin. There was a depression in the 1930s which brought Hitler to power and led to the Second World War. In each century, even in the pre-industrial world, one can find the records of two severe depressions.

On Schumpeter's theory, the present fluctuating uncertainty represents an attempt by the short-term cycle to recover while both the medium and long-term cycles are still in a down phase. A weak little Kitchin is battling against a strong Juglar and an even more powerful Kondratiev. No wonder the recovery is timid and uncertain: no wonder the depression continues in Europe; no wonder that confidence has not been restored.

Schumpeter considered that the Kondratiev long wave had passed its low point by 1938: "If our schema is to be trusted, recovery and prosperity phases should be more and recession and depression phases less strongly marked during the next three decades than they have been in the last two." He proved to be correct after 1938, and the three decades from 1940 to 1970 were, at least when the war was over, the most prosperous the world has ever known. It is now nearly 57 years since he was writing. Is it possible that the present Kondratiev down period is actually drawing to its close? Should we regard the first oil shock of 1973 as the real start of the down-wave? Schumpeter's "schema" predicted that the 1970s and 1980s would see strongly marked recession and depression phases, which they did.

Certainly there has been a partial world slump in the 1990s, as bad as the 1930s in some countries, and as long-drawn-out in Britain. The Soviet Union has been destroyed by an economic catastrophe which continues to depress Russia and most other former Soviet countries. The fall of the Communist Party is as dramatic as any of the political events which have followed earlier Kondratiev down-waves, the overthrow of Charles I and Louis XVI, or the rise of Hitler. The collapse of asset values in Japan has been comparable to the fall of American asset values after 1929. We cannot dismiss as ridiculous the idea that we may already have gone through the worst of a Kondratiev depression which happened to hit harder elsewhere; it has been unpleasant enough in Britain, and is still very severe in Europe.

The case against this view is unfortunately rather strong. Although Schumpeter did not put so much weight upon it, Friedrich von Hayek's explanation of major business cycles is convincing. The boom is caused by an excessive expansion of credit; the slump is the period when debt is liquidated; recovery comes when debt has largely been liquidated. All long cycles are essentially credit cycles. In no part of the world does the process of debt liquidation appear yet to be complete. If bank and corporate balance sheets have improved, personal and governmental ones have not.

There is also the argument of unemployment. In the European Community, unemployment is rising, as it still is in Russia. In Britain, the renewed rise last month seems a more reliable indication of the trend than last year's unexpectedly good figures. Even those seemed to show a widespread destruction of well-paid jobs and their replacement by lower-paid ones. This is happening in America too. Whole tiers of middle management are being made redundant.

The world also faces a great adjustment which comes from outside even the long Kondratiev cycle. Increasingly rapid transfer of technology has exposed the high cost economies of Europe and North America, with their already high unemployment, to competition from low-cost Asian countries, with their abundant supplies of labour. A North American or European worker costs an average of about $20,000 a year, with another $10,000 or so of social welfare costs — and even more in Germany — to be added on top. In China, the comparable labour cost has now risen to about $1,000 a year. Even if one takes this as only a 20:1 cost advantage, that is far more than European or American industry can expect to balance by better access to markets, higher productivity or technical skills.

Our economies are uncompetitive not only in terms of costs, but in terms of regulation. If the Chinese horse has a six-stone jockey, the European and American jockeys weigh 120 stone, and each carries a bureaucrat on his back. Such overburdened horses cannot be expected to win many races. Investment will continue to flow towards the low-cost industrial countries. The massive export of German industrial capital, not only to the Far East but now even to Cowley and Alabama, is the right business response to German costs, which are exceptionally high even by Western standards.

The Kondratiev down-wave may be in a late phase, but this adjustment from West to East and North to South is still near its beginning. The only event that could slow it — which is unlikely but not impossible — is a major disruption of the Chinese political system. The Indians are quite right to point out that they have even lower costs than China, as high a proportion of trained workers, and a stable democracy of more than 800 million people, tilt towards Asia will eventually create huge markets for Western goods and skills, but it will take up to two generations.

In the meantime we need to be concerned by Schumpeter's great warning. "Capitalism produces by its mere working a social atmosphere — a moral code, if the readers prefer — that is hostile to it, and this atmosphere, in turn, produces policies which do not allow it to function ... there is danger of a deadlock, by which we mean a situation in which neither capitalism nor its possible alternatives are workable."

The most successful countries, of which Hong Kong is the best example, are friendly to capital. By contrast, the Clinton Administration is a high-tax, high-expenditure, high-regulation government. But can John Major claim that his is so very different? If Britain were half as capital-friendly as Hong Kong, one could have more confidence in our ability to survive both Kondratiev and the great shift to Asia.

Serbian takeover

THE SERBIAN battle for territory is not confined, it seems, to the former Yugoslavia. A senior Conservative MP alleges a coup has taken place in Westminster by MPs sympathetic to the Serbian cause. They have seized control, he says, of the British-Yugoslav parliamentary group, hitherto an organisation with a modest profile.

Sparks were flying at the organisation's annual meeting on Tuesday night when Sir Peter Fry, Tory MP for Wellingborough and the long-serving chairman, was ousted. "I went to the AGM, obviously not expecting anything, and found it had been hijacked," he says. Bob Wareing, Labour MP for Liverpool West Derby, was voted into the chair and Fry, accompanied by Sir James Kilfedder, walked out in disgust.

"To say I am slightly narked is to put it mildly," grumbles Fry — a group official since 1970. If forewarned, he would have lobbied colleagues to back him. "It leaves a rather nasty taste in the mouth. The people who now control it are thoroughly indoctrinated with the Serbian view."

Wareing, a vintage Yugoslav-watcher, denies he and his colleagues have been seduced by the Serbs. "But I don't believe the Serbian regime was as bad as the Croatian regime.

"I have come to the conclusion — and no doubt this is where the 'pro-Serb' allegation comes from — that the media has not been even-handed in its approach. It is thoroughly pro-Muslim and quite ignores what has been done to the Serb and Croatian minorities."

Bag lady

NEVER underestimate the power of a woman's handbag. Carol Thatcher, writing in next week's French glossy *Femme*, confirms that her mother used the unfairly derided accessory as a primary political weapon.

She was lunching the Gorbachevs one day at the Thatcher dacha in Chester Square, when Raisa Gorbachev interrupted the conversation with an exclamation that she had forgotten to bring her handbag to the table.

Sending a flunkey to fetch it, Mrs Gorbachev apologised for diverting the conversation so abruptly from politics to the powder-room.

Baroness Thatcher was consolation itself. "I often use my handbag in politics," she said, before launching into an explanation of how she always liked to brandish it when flaying her opponents.

On the other hand

THERE was rejoicing, no doubt, in the Thatcher camp after Hugh Scully, formerly the presenter of *The Antiques Roadshow*, and his partner Denys Blakeway, walked away with a Royal Television Society award this week for their documentary *Thatcher: The Downing Street Years*.

But now that the Baroness's years are over, Scully is preparing to turn his lens on her opponents. He is planning a sister documentary series along the lines of *Labour: The Opposition Years*. "It's at a very early stage, but we have already had initial conversations with several senior Labour party politicians," says Scully.

Roy Hattersley, who yesterday announced he is to step down as MP for Sparkbrook at the next general election, has yet to be approached. But Scully admits the series would provide an ideal opportunity for a swan-song. "We regard him as most important."

Well at least it's better than a tub of lard.

● *Hippies will rejoice in the news that Ravi Shankar — the sitar player, travelling guru and friend of the Beatles — is to become a musical director of the Year of the Opera and Musical Theatre, which will take place in 1997. "We are hoping that he'll be a calming influence," reports the (appropriately named) Eastern Arts board, which is hosting the national celebration.*

DIARY

Crossed lines

JOHN MAJOR'S little local difficulty simply refuses to go away. It is, of course, the sorry tale of his intervention in the dispute over a telephone box in the centre of the village of Hemingford Grey, where he once lived.

Major infuriated the local parish council last year by writing to Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of British Telecom, asking BT to reconsider its decision to leave the kiosk in the village centre. This Monday the council is holding an extraordinary general meeting to insist the box stays where it is.

Major intervened after complaints about the box from two families in the village who live near it. BT is now considering new sites — to the fury of the majority of the village's 2,500-strong population.

One Tory parish councillor warns of mass resignations: "I am angry and disgusted at Major's behaviour. That man has no right to interfere. I used to be 101 per cent behind John Major until he interfered. Now I am considering resigning."

Shin-dig

A TOUCH of GBH was spotted on Labour's front bench in the Lords on Monday night. Baroness Hilton of Eggardon, one of the few women to reach the rank of commander at New Scotland Yard, was well into her stride demolishing Michael Howard's Police Bill when she became distracted by the whispered chit-chat from nearby colleagues.

Labour's leader in the Upper House, Lord Richard, and the transport spokesman Lord Carmichael appeared to be foremost among the offenders. To the amazement of usually somnolent peers on the benches opposite, she kicked Carmichael sharply on the shins. He promptly shut up.



Carré on spying, please

THE man who inspired George Smiley was offering John le Carré some salient advice yesterday in the wake of the discovery of the White House spy Aldrich Ames. It was quite clearly time, said 78-year-old Vivian Green, for the master of spy-writers to come in from the cold — and pen some more espionage novels.

Green, the former Rector of Lincoln College, still cuts a colourful figure in Oxford with his famous green leather trousers, and le Carré once referred to him as his "greatest mentor". The character of Smiley, so memorably played on television by Sir Alec Guinness (above) was partly based on Green, who was chaplain of Lincoln when le Carré was an undergraduate.

Commenting on the Ames affair, Green said yesterday: "I think it's rather amusing how close this man got to the centre of it all. And with spies on the front page again, John le Carré may find he has to reformulate his ideas. After moving his novels away from the spy theme, he should think about moving them back into the circuit — that's where the excitement is!"

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Global espionage did not end with the Cold War

Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin yesterday performed the rituals of allies publicly at odds but privately anxious to safeguard their partnership. Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, gave warning that relations would "depend on Russian actions in the days ahead" to mend the damage caused by the unmasking of Aldrich Ames, the CIA official alleged to have spied for Russia since 1985. President Yeltsin's spokesman, meanwhile, complained petulantly of "spymania" disrupting the progress of post-Cold War diplomacy.

On both sides, there was more embarrassment than true outrage. The fledgling East-West alliance will survive this incident, albeit a little bruised. But the temptation to shrug off the Ames case should be resisted. If, as the FBI claims, Mr Ames was head of the counter-intelligence branch of the CIA's Soviet division between 1983 and 1985, his recruitment by the KGB was one of the most spectacular in the history of espionage. It would have given the Soviet Union unparalleled access to American intelligence on KGB agents; it would also have compromised the CIA's sources on the Soviet side. It may be, as was claimed yesterday, that Mr Ames's alleged treachery caused the death of American agents. Yet the primary function of a mole is to destabilise the intelligence community into which he burrows by spreading doubt and suspicion. The damage which Mr Ames caused is therefore impossible to quantify.

Whether the East learnt as much from Mr Ames as the West did from Oleg Gordievsky between 1975 and 1985 will probably never be known. At the very least, Mr Ames's activities may explain the close relationship between Mikhail Gorbachev and Vladimir Kryuchkov, the then chief of the KGB, who was later one of the leaders of the coup against Gorbachev in August 1991. This temporary alliance between reformer and hardliner — one of the great mysteries of late Sovietology — may have been based on the high grade intelligence which Mr Ames was passing to the KGB. Paradoxically, this information may well have assisted Mr Gorbachev in his efforts to achieve an understanding with the West. History may show that Mr Ames's treachery had an inadvertently benign impact on global relations.

If Mr Yeltsin knew of the existence of a high-ranking CIA mole, he will have to explain this breach of faith to the Western nations which are financing his reconstruction programmes. Better for the West, however, that he knew, and lied, than that he was kept in the dark by his own security services. Nikolai Golushko, the head of Russian intelligence, is believed to have good relations with Mr Yeltsin. Against this is the thesis that the old KGB machine has survived cosmetic reform and name-changes with enormous resources and a hardline agenda. There is circumstantial evidence that it supported Vladimir Zhirinovsky's parliamentary campaign last year and has strengthened its grip on the reins of power during Mr Yeltsin's most recent domestic difficulties.

Likewise, the flow of intelligence from the KGB's agents overseas has continued unabated. Just as Michael Smith, the British electronics engineer jailed for 25 years in November, continued to pass secrets to the Russians until July 1992, so Mr Ames is alleged to have spied for them until his arrest last Monday. The global influence of the KGB did not crumble with the Berlin Wall.

Nor is there any reason why it should have done so. One of the great delusions of the years since the Cold War ended has been the belief that espionage would become an obsolete craft. On the contrary: the uncertainties of the new geopolitics require a far more sophisticated approach to intelligence-gathering than was needed when superpower relations were governed by the fairly predictable rules of nuclear escalation. The Ames case reveals that the end of ideological confrontation has not weakened the appetite of States for the secrets of their enemies — or their allies. It poses as many questions about the future of espionage as it answers about its shadowy past.

LESSONS FOR LABOUR

A good education policy could woo the middle classes

Ask any middle-class parent with school-age children what are their main concerns, and education is likely to come near the top. If their children are in state schools, they may have anxieties about standards, discipline or class sizes. In the private sector, their worry, above all, will be about paying the fees. If Labour addressed these concerns at the next election, it could win much support from that crucial constituency. Yet its current shadow Education Secretary seems determined instead to turn these voters away.

Education has been one of Labour's biggest failures since the last general election. Then, it led the Conservatives by 18 points when MORI asked which party had the best policy on education. By last autumn, the gap had nearly halved. Jack Straw, the shadow Education Secretary until 1992, edged his party round to supporting the idea of excellence in state schools, of improving standards and of addressing the concerns of parents rather than teachers. The 1992 Labour manifesto quietly dropped the traditional commitment to review the charitable status of independent schools.

Ann Taylor, Mr Straw's successor, seems determined to turn the clock back. While some of her shadow Cabinet colleagues are working hard to make the party more friendly to voters, particularly those in the middle classes, Mrs Taylor is displaying all the old-fashioned Labour prejudices. Now, in an interview with the *ISIS Magazine*, she has said that she is reconsidering charitable status, a subject many parents thought Labour had dropped once and for all. She finds it impossible to conceal her contempt for parents who educate their children privately, implying that their motive is not better education, but "social value".

Mrs Taylor would be unwise to dismiss all of these parents as Tory-voting toffs to whom Labour policy would make no difference. A recent ISIS survey found that over half of children now entering the private sector have parents who were educated at state schools. An increasing number of those parents are choosing private schools because they are dissatisfied with the state sector. These are voters who would gladly rid themselves of the financial burden of school fees if state education were better. Instead of wooing them to her side, Mrs Taylor is threatening to penalise them still further.

A good education is the best route out of poverty and deprivation. Mrs Taylor should have no qualms about encouraging excellence and choice in schools. If she were properly to reflect the anxieties of her supporters — and potential supporters — she would be talking now about the importance of discipline, motivation and leadership in the state sector. She would be promising to make state schools so good that parents do not feel the need to leave them. Instead of blaming poor education on lack of money, she would be investigating why similar schools in similar areas can have such widely differing results. She would welcome league tables as a tool for governors, head teachers, local authorities and parents to press for better teaching.

John Smith perhaps fails to recognise the political potency of education because Scottish schools are so good. But he was foolish to leave Mrs Taylor, a former teacher, in her post at the last shadow Cabinet reshuffle. This autumn, he should replace her with someone who recognises the electoral opportunity that education offers for Labour. The chance is too good to be missed.

BRITAIN AND BELIZE

The end of the garrison is not the end of a relationship

The Queen is in Belize for a brief but significant visit. The only English-speaking country in Central America, Belize is set to lose, by October, the bulk of the British troops stationed there. The royal visit, therefore, is well timed: it confirms that Britain is withdrawing only its troops, not its friendship.

Belize, since its independence in 1981, has lived in the mostly malevolent shadow of neighbouring Guatemala, a country which refused, until 1991, to recognise the independence of Belize, pressing vigorously, and at every opportunity, its claim to virtually every inch of Belizean territory. Not slow to smell a bad neighbour, Britain undertook, after its colony's independence, to maintain a garrison there as deterrent. It was, in the circumstances, a sage precaution: Guatemala's armed forces, unencumbered by democratic checks and accountable to noone but themselves, might easily have cast themselves in the role of an Argentinian *junta* faced with a Belizean *Malvinas*.

Guatemalan recognition of Belize, when it did come, wrought a change in strategic calculations. Now barred under international law from reviving its territorial claims to Belize, Guatemala has receded as a threat in the eyes of Whitehall. Recognised now by all states in the western hemisphere, Belize is no longer thought to be in need of a guardian angel on site. This change in local political equations has suited recent British defence policy: a shrinking army has sounded the last post.

But Guatemala, in spite of the democratic efforts of President Ramiro de Leon Carpio, remains Guatemala. The military establishment continues to play a muscular role behind the scenes. Events in Chiapas, in neighbouring Mexico, have only strengthened its hand. And it has, historically, been the least responsive of Central American armies to external pressure. Unlike its uniformed brethren in El Salvador, it is ruggedly self-sufficient, and has waged its vicious counter-insurgency battles virtually unaided. There is no guarantee that a military *junta* in the near future will not rediscover an appetite for Belize, engaging in a "reconquest" or other populist forms of bellicosity.

Belize never asked for a British withdrawal. Understandably, it regards the departure of British troops with some apprehension. Britain must therefore seek to stress that its commitment to Belizean security has not ceased. There must be no room for doubt that it will stand by its former colony should Guatemala ever resort to a land grab.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ministers' duty on signing certificates

From Lord Callaghan of Cardiff

Sir, Further to your editorial today, "Immune from justice", will you allow me to say that during my ministerial life I was never advised by law officers or by civil servants that a class of documents existed which placed a binding duty upon a minister to sign a Public Interest Immunity certificate irrespective of its contents.

On the contrary, I was given to understand that such a decision was the responsibility of the minister concerned.

I trust that Lord Justice Scott will reinforce this opinion and be very restrictive in endorsing any ministerial claim for the complete suppression of a class of documents irrespective of their contents.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES CALLAGHAN,
House of Lords.
February 23.

Police changes

From Councillor Dermot Roaf

Sir, Mr Michael Howard claims — and you appear to agree (leading article, February 17) — that his proposed new police authorities will usher in improved local accountability for the activities of the police service. That thesis is flawed on three counts.

First, there is an inherent contradiction between central appointment and local accountability. Ministerial appointees owe their allegiance to the minister, as is clear, for example, in the case of health authorities. There is no real sense in which they can claim to speak for or represent the communities whose affairs they would govern. Accountability and representation can only come together through the electoral process, as the Willink commission on the police rightly recognised over 30 years ago.

Second, recent research by the local authority associations has shown that the existing local authority members of police authorities have a very wide range of backgrounds in business, the professions, the voluntary sector, trade unions and so on. This gives them more than enough credibility as true representatatives of their communities' interests.

Finally, despite what you say, there is as yet no evidence that Mr Howard can deliver a system for nominating his proposed appointees that will remove the taint of politics. It is yet to be seen whether the lords lieutenant will co-operate in the way he wishes. Ultimately any people he appoints will be his own place people. For that reason alone the House of Lords should reject his proposals.

Yours sincerely,
DERMOT ROAF
(Vice-Chair),
Association of County Councils,
66a Eaton Square, SW1.
February 18.

From Dr Christopher Forsyth

Sir, Peter Riddell ("Power goes to their heads", February 21) quotes the Home Secretary as saying that the "independent" members he plans to appoint to the reformed police authorities will not be "political stooges" but independent local persons of standing.

There are already such local and independent members of the Cambridgeshire Police Authority and they play, I believe, a useful role. They are, however, about to be abolished by the Home Secretary's reforms. I refer to the representatives of the University of Cambridge, whose presence reflects the university's involvement over many centuries in the policing of Cambridge.

It seems that the university representatives' only flaw is that they are appointed by the university and not by the Home Secretary.

May I suggest that, if Mr Howard wishes to ensure that there are local and independent members of police authorities who are not seen as his "stooges", this principle should be generalised and the independent members should be appointed by appropriate local civic institutions rather than central government.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER FORSYTH
(University Representative,
Cambridgeshire Police Authority),
Robinson College, Cambridge.
February 21.

Next moves on age of sexual consent

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Your listing today of "MPs who left the party line" on the age of consent for gay men is misleading.

On the Conservative side there was no party line. It was made clear right from the start that this was a matter of conscience with a truly free vote. Thus the 43 Tories (plus one teller), including 11 ministers and three whips who voted for equality, and the 11 or more who abstained, were perfectly entitled to do so.

As for pressure from the constituencies: perhaps Conservative associations should be aware that the bulk of our membership is now elderly. Those who are honestly outraged at their MP's vote might first consider discussing the matter with their grandchildren, whose attitude to equal rights may be very different. I was particularly heartened to receive the active support of many Young Conservatives.

Great progress was made on Monday night. Now our health agencies must get cracking and develop health education policies aimed at young gay men, especially those most at risk. Every case of HIV infection in this group is preventable; there will no longer be the excuse for the 18 to 21-year-olds that we are dealing with criminals.

And the rest is up to gay men and their families. Polls show that when a person is acquainted with a gay man, prejudice and misunderstanding are replaced with tolerance and concern. If gay people want the next vote on 16 to be a success, they must persist in putting their case, calmly and with dignity, to everyone they know, and most of all to MPs and peers of all parties.

Yours sincerely,
EDWINA CURRIE,
House of Commons.
February 23.

From Mr Stewart Rigby

Sir, Your fear that a reduction in the age of homosexual consent to 16 "would end the normative status of heterosexuality in the eyes of the law" (leading article, February 21) is unfounded. The law reinforces that status in all kinds of indirect ways, for example by effectively requiring members of occupational pension schemes to contribute to the cost of benefits for a surviving spouse and children.

However, we know now that MPs have chosen to preserve the differential in ages of consent. It is salutary to consider that in earlier times law in this country supported the "normative status" of being white, male and Protestant.

The law eventually came to be seen as wrong in those respects, just as it will surely come to be seen as wrong about differences in sexuality.

It is a shame that British legislators have exposed us to action in European courts for the removal of this injustice.

Yours faithfully,
S. RIGBY,
13 Boyne Road,
Lewisham, SE13.
February 22.

Out-of-town shopping

From the Director of the Civic Trust

Sir, Your report (February 8) that John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, favours existing towns and cities over out-of-town locations for new retailing developments, meaning that the era of out-of-town shopping is at an end, is premature (see also report, February 11; letters, February 14).

Even if no further superstore or regional shopping centre is approved, sufficient have been built or are in the pipeline to make a nonsense of your report's claim (early editions, only) that "it will mean significant changes in the shopping habits of Britons grown used to driving many miles to the edges of towns and cities for their weekly purchases". Lured by the carrot of free parking, people with cars will continue to drive many miles to out-of-town superstores and shopping centres.

But the convenience of the car-borne is paid for by a diminution of choice for the car-less — and ultimately all of us. The DoE's own research into the impact of the Merryhill Centre in the West Midlands highlighted the devastating impact the centre has had on Dudley town centre.

The 2,500 superstores that we are likely to have by the turn of the century will impact on high streets everywhere, leading to the loss of many small, specialist shops, which will be unable to compete on quality and uniqueness against the lure of the malls and the promise of one-stop shopping.

Re-focusing on existing towns and cities as sites for shopping is welcome, but if it means slavishly catering to the "requirements" of the car-bound it could be as disastrous to our urban areas as out-of-town developments have been to the countryside.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BRADSHAW,
Director, Civic Trust,
17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.

Motorway charges

From Lord Montagu of Beaulieu

Sir, It now seems certain that the British people, whose taxes over the past 35 years have built and continually repaired the nation's motorways, are now going to be charged for using them.

It is promised that such new revenue will go towards improving existing motorways and building new ones while presumably more of the taxation extracted from motorists will go instead to swell the Treasury's coffers for other purposes. People can be forgiven for being somewhat cynical about such undertakings.

In 1955, when Parliament was debating parking meter legislation, a minister assured MPs that "all profits from parking meters would be directly and exclusively linked with the provision of off-street parking. This objective is pretty closely tied up by statute". Last year Westminster Council netted £17 million from parking meters. I am not aware of any new council-provided car parks, and indeed parking meter revenue has in recent years become a vital part of local government finance.

Hence, the zeal with which it is collected often reflects money-grabbing rather than the easement of traffic flow.

Nevertheless, to improve our motorway system must be a priority, as it provides the safest and most economically beneficial roads in the UK. However, what happens if charging forces traffic off the safer motorways to further congest our more accident-prone and inadequate A roads? I think we should be told.

Yours faithfully,
MONTAGU of BEAULIEU,
Palace House, Beaulieu,
Brockenhurst, Hampshire.
February 19.

Mountain rescue

From Mr Michael Reid

Sir, Mountain rescue (letters, February 17, 18) does not cost anything like the wild figures quoted.

Mountain rescue teams are essentially volunteer climbers and we all freely give our efforts to search for and rescue the lost or injured.

The services, particularly the RAF and Royal Naval Air Forces, are costly to run — but we have to pay for them anyway, and what better way to practise finding and rescuing downed airmen than looking for real people in difficulty?

The view has been put that people should be discouraged from getting into difficulty in the first place.

This is hard for climbers to explain and therefore to justify, but those who have been in the high hills and caught the magic will go there regardless of any rules anyone makes up, and if the narrow, bureaucratic, money-focused so arrange matters that we don't have any rescue services then we shall have to cope on our own.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL REID,
2 Water Lane,
Sherington, Buckinghamshire.
February 18.

Sinking of 'Khedive'

From Mr Guy Yeoman

Sir, As an eye-witness of the sinking of the troopship *Khedive Ismail* in the Indian Ocean on February 12, 1944, I was interested to read John Young's report, published on the 50th anniversary of the disaster. However, the report's implication that the news was suppressed is misleading.

Immediate reporting was embargoed, of course, but within a few weeks we were authorised to refer to it in letters to next-of-kin. The sinking is also referred to in Winston Churchill's *The Second World War* (1952) and Stephen Roskill's *The War at Sea* (1961); and in 1971, when I was researching the incident, I was given every assistance by the naval historic branch of the Ministry of Defence.

As seen from the troopship *Ekma*, 600 yards astern, the *Khedive* suffered a double explosion and disappeared well within two minutes, making it impossible for our vessel to avoid survivors. In addition to more than 600 East African gunners of my own regiment and many other servicemen, 67 women were lost, girls in their twenties, including QA army nurses, Wrens and members of the Kenyan ATS.

Our destroyer escort had failed to detect the submarine off the Maldives, but they quickly picked it up by Asdic. The ensuing depth-charging was ferocious and successful. It may well have caused casualties amongst survivors, but the navy's first consideration (which I and my comrades could only heartily endorse) was for the safety of the remaining four transports. A similarly agonising dilemma is portrayed in Nicholas Monsarrat's *The Cruel Sea*.

Forced to the surface, the giant submarine I-27 with her 5.5in deck gun retained a formidable fighting capability: after failing with gunfire, the destroyers resorted to surface depth-charging, leading to an unplanned ramming, whereby HMS *Paladin* suffered severe hull damage. HMS *Petard* then sank the enemy by torpedo.

If any dark connotations to this horrific incident remain, these relate to security. As seen from the point of view of a regimental subaltern (transferred from the *Khedive* to the *Ekma* at the last minute to make cabins available for the service women) there was *no* security.

The departure of our troop train a week earlier from Nairobi had been marked by all the engaging features of a Kenyan gin and tonic party!

Yours faithfully,
GUY YEOMAN,
Crowden Lea, Upper Booth,
Edale, Derbyshire.
February 14.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Wind power 'rape of rural Britain'

From Sir Bernard Ingham

Sir, Philip Surman, of the Energy Workshop (letter, February 23), should not be mealy-mouthed in his support for wind power.

I am the "leading member of Country Guardian" campaigning against wind farms who has links with the nuclear industry. My support for nuclear power has been well known for 20 years and I make no secret of my consultancy contracts with British Nuclear Fuels or the British Nuclear Industry Forum.

I oppose wind farms in our countryside because they grievously damage the landscape: not because I am an agent of the nuclear industry. This industry has always seen a place for renewable sources of electricity in the nation's overall supply. In any case, wind power won't close a single nuclear power station, because it is unreliable. Turbines don't generate electricity when the wind doesn't blow and they have to be closed down when it blows too hard.

I have already seen the damage done by wind farms to my native Yorkshire Pennines. I do not want the wind power industry to wreck one million acres — an area roughly the size of Kent or Cheshire — in its ambition to generate 10 per cent of our electricity.

As for Peter Musgrove, of National Wind Power (letter, February 23), I know people who will testify to the noise of wind farms, their disturbing strobe lighting effect when the sun strikes the blades at a certain angle and the damage they do to flora and fauna.

If the Government stopped heavily subsidising wind power, the rape of rural Britain would stop tomorrow.

Yours etc,
BERNARD INGHAM,
As from: 9 Monahan Avenue,
Purley, Surrey.
February 23.

Polling stations

From Dr Richard H. Nicholson

Sir, John Patten and his education advisers stress the importance of children not missing schooling through truancy or inadequate school hours. Yet my children's school has been informed that it must close for two days next term, so that it may be used as a polling station for the local and European elections in May and June.

Although responsibility for management of the school premises now lies with the governing body, I, as chairman, have not been consulted about the proposed closures. Thousands of other schools round the country are in a similar position. Is it not time that we found a way to cast votes — the basic expression of democracy — without it being at the expense of the unenfranchised, and of their parents, who have to arrange other child care?

There are alternatives. Within 200 yards of my children's school there are several local authority offices, a public swimming pool, a large church and church hall, a theatre and several empty shops and offices, any of which could serve as polling stations. In France, many polling stations are in schools, but elections are always held on Sundays so that children do not lose education.

It is not too late for Mr Patten to reduce the impact of next term's two elections. At the very least he could instruct all local authorities to ensure that no school has to act as a polling station more than once next term. Taking a longer view, we must find a way of holding elections that does not automatically put children's interests second.

Yours sincerely,
R. H. NICHOLSON,
6 Gallia Road, N5.

Keyhole surgery

From the President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Sir, In March 1993, several months prior to the announcement of government funding for training in minimal access ("keyhole") surgery (reports, February 8, 10; letter, February 15), this college decided to create its own clinical skills training laboratory in Glasgow. Basic and advanced skills courses began in the summer and the fully equipped laboratory was formally opened in the following December.

We expect that this initiative will be augmented with an appropriate share of the £1.2 million now available from the Scottish Office.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD CAMPBELL,
President, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow,
234-242 St Vincent Street, Glasgow.

What's the problem?

From Mr Edgar Iredale

Sir, Earned Income Allowance at two ninths of earnings (letter, February 18) was no difficulty at all 35 years ago. It worked out at 4s. 8d. in the guinea.

Yours faithfully,
EDGAR IREDALE,
Banklands, 41 Hazel Way,
Fetcham, Surrey.
February 18.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this morning attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Finance and Administration Committee Meeting at Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE
February 23: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity, Seal Street, Liverpool, Merseyside, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Alan Waterworth).

Her Royal Highness later opened the Liverpool Marie Curie Centre, Speke Road, Woolton, Liverpool.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon visited the Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Eaton Road, Liverpool and later opened Mayfield Court Home for the Disabled, Yeomen's Way, Liverpool, Merseyside. Mrs Richard Beckett was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Professor George Bain, principal, London Business School, 55; Judge Inge Bernstein, 63; Professor E. Boyland, biochemist, 89; Mr Brian Close, cricketer, 63; Dr Lionel Dakers, former director, Royal School of Church Music, 70; Mr Reginald Freeson, former MP, 68; Professor G.J.M. Gazdar, computational linguist, 44; Mr Richard Hamilton, painter, 72; Lord Hazlerigg, 84; Major-General David Houston, Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland, 65; Mr Paul Jones, singer and actor, 52; Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, 75; Mr David Langdon, cartoonist and illustrator, 80; Mr Denis Law, footballer, 54; Mr Anthony Mayer, chief executive, Housing Corporation, 48; Lord Melchett, 46; Admiral Sir William Pillar, 70; Mr Alain Prost, racing driver, 39; Mr Derek Randall, cricketer, 43; the Rev Kathleen Richardson, former president, Methodist Conference, 56; Sir Frank Rogers, deputy chairman, *The Daily Telegraph* and chairman, NPA, 74; Mr Harry Urwin, trades unionist, 79; Mr Dennis Waterman, actor, 46; Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP, 57.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), will attend a regimental reception at St James's Palace at 6.45.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Croftwood Community Support Centre at Whitchurch Way, Halton Lodge, Runcorn, 11.00, and the Runcorn Residents Federation Centre, at 11.30; and as Patron of the YMCA Anniversary Year 1994, will open the Halton YMCA Young Person's Scheme at Halton Lodge Avenue at noon. Later, she will open St Luke's Nursing Home, Palacefields, at 2.25.

Mr David Cobbold

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael David Nevill Cobbold, CBE, 1919-1994, will be held at St Mary-le-Strand, London, WC2, on Friday, March 18, at 3pm. Could all those wishing to attend please advise The Church Secretary, 171 Strand, London, WC2R 2LS in advance.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Julia Ann **Teesdale**, of Podington, Beds £689,776

Mrs Michael Leslie Beaumont *Wright*, of Solihull, West Midlands £770,685

Mr Ronald Edward Aris, of Felpham, West Sussex £682,960

Mr Anthony Arthur Briarly Browne, of Harrogate, North Yorks £730,182

Edith Emily **Bruhl**, of Hampstead, London NW3 ..... £698,353

Mrs Julia Isabella **Walker-Haworth**, of London SW7 ..... £675,899

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a Luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Heydar Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan. The other guests were:

Mr Hassan Hassanov, the Ambassador of the Azerbaijan Republic, Mr Vafa Gulizade, Mr Gabil Guseynli, Mr Yusif Samedoglu, Mr Eldar Salayev, the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, Mr Timothy Eggar, MP, Sir James Spicer, MP, Sir Norman Wooding, Mr Bruce George, MP, Mr Michael Colvin, MP, Mr Allan Gormly, Mr Michael Davies, Mr Elwyn Elledge, Mr John Craven, Mr Fraser Morrison, Mr Stephen Remp Mr Basil Butler, Mr Alan Liddle, Mr David Stott, Mr Rodney Chase, Mr Peter Gershon, Mr Carl Rolaston, Mr Michael Armitage, Mr Graham Morrey, Mr Roger Bone, Mr Tom Young, Mr Brian Willott and Ms Philippa Leslie-Jones.

Carlton Club
Sir Christopher Prout, QC, Leader of the Conservatives, European Parliament, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee held yesterday at the Carlton Club. Mr Giles Chichester, chairman, presided and the Earl of Stockton also spoke.

Service dinners

Yeoman Warders
The Body of Yeoman Warders held their annual dinner last night at HM Tower of London. The High Commissioner for New Zealand was among those present.

Manchester and Salford Universities Air Squadron
Air Vice Marshal J.S. Allison, Air Officer Commanding No 11 Group, Strike Command, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Manchester and Salford Universities Air Squadron held last night at Altcar Training Camp. Squadron Leader R.J. Pickering presided.

Dinner

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of Mr Heydar Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan.

The Linnean Society

The Linnean Society of London has made the following awards:
The Linnean Medal for services to botany: Professor Frank Eric Round, University of Bristol.
The Linnean Medal for services to zoology: Professor Sir Alec John Jeffreys, University of Leicester.
The H H Bloomer Award for an amateur naturalist who has made an important contribution to biological knowledge: Mr Dennis Roy Seaward.
The Bicentenary Medal in recognition of work carried out by a biologist under 40: Dr Richard Mark Bateman, University of Oxford.
The Jill Smythies Prize for published botanical illustration: Mrs Joy Claire Allison Dalby.
The Irene Manton Prize for the best Ph.D. thesis in botany: Dr James Joseph English, University of East Anglia.



ADRIAN BROOKS

A bust of Churchill is given a last polish by Sean Claxton of the Cabinet War Rooms in central London before it goes on show. The work was commissioned from Falcon Nemon Stuart, the son of Oscar Nemon, who made the cast in the Fifties

Veteran recalls valour of 'forgotten army'

BY JOHN YOUNG

FIFTY years ago tomorrow the tide of war turned in the Far East. Seven thousand British and Indian troops of the "forgotten" 14th Army, many of them administrative troops untrained in jungle fighting, inflicted the first serious defeat on the Japanese in Burma.

The battle of the Admin Box, in the Ngakyedauk Pass, Arakan, is not one that springs readily to mind. But one man for whom it is still a vivid memory is John Leyin, then a 21-year-old tank driver in the 25th Dragoons.

He recalls that in a supposedly morale-boosting address to his troops before they went into action, Lord Mountbatten, the Supreme Allied Commander, told them: "I know you all think you are the forgotten army. Well let me tell you, you're not forgotten. Nobody even knows you're here."

His audience laughed, but not for long. The Japanese struck swiftly, occupying the heights of the Mayu range and trapping the British and Indian forces in a section of the pass about half a mile square.

In an account of the battle written after the war but never published, he records: "The orders were that we were to stand firm. We were surrounded by a force of more than 10,000 experienced jungle fighters whom in the thick jungle no one could see.

"Out of the night mortar bombs rained down on us, and phosphorus shells exposing us to whatever else they thought fit to let fly at us. There was shouting, screaming and a frenzy of searing, flashing, exploding lights.

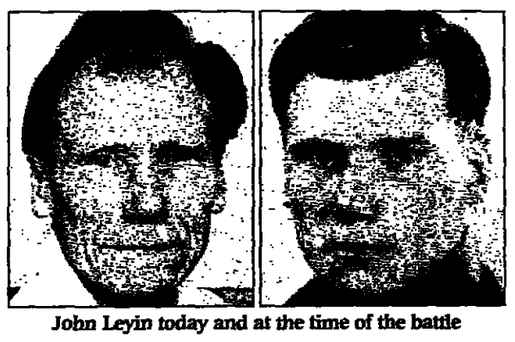
"In the daytime I remember the aching eyes, the tired limbs, the sweltering heat, the sweat-sodden bodies and the pungent smell of burnt cordite inside our oven-like tank. I remember the abandoned vehicles and equipment, the burnt out trucks, the stench of decaying flesh, the malaria, the dysentery, the ringworm, the mosquitoes and the flies.

"But most vividly of all, I remember the day when the last Japanese were cleared from their strongholds overlooking the Ngakyedauk Pass, and the relief we all felt."

After 19 days of fierce fighting half the Japanese force lay dead in and around the pass. In a book published last year, *Last Stand! Famous Battles Against the Odds*, Brian Perrett, the military historian, wrote that "an assortment of butchers, bakers, clerks, drivers, muleteers and sanitary orderlies had handed out a fair beating to some of the best infantry in the Japanese army".

But he added that the greatest share of the credit should go to the 2nd West Yorkshire regiment and to the 25th Dragoons, whose accurate, high-velocity, close-range blasting put the infantry back whenever the Japanese penetrated its defences or captured any vital position.

On February 29, 1944 Lord Mountbatten told the survivors: "You have given the Japanese a crack they will remember. You have met the onslaught with courage, confidence and resolution."



John Leyin today and at the time of the battle

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Le Brun, painter, Paris, 1619; Catherine I, Empress of Russia 1725-27, Dorpat, Estonia, 1684; Wilhelm Grimm, historian and folklore collector, Hanau, Germany, 1786; Samuel Lover, novelist, songwriter and painter, Dublin, 1797; Winslow Homer, painter, Boston, Massachusetts, 1836; George Moore, novelist, Ballyglass, Co Mayo, 1852; Arnold Dolmetsch, musician, Le Mans, 1858; Sir Arthur Pearson, newspaper proprietor, Wookey, Somerset, 1866.

DEATHS: Henry Cavendish, physicist and chemist, London, 1810; Robert Fulton, steamboat pioneer, New York, 1815; Thomas Bowdler, self-appointed Shakespearian censor, Swansea, 1825; Edmund Armstrong, poet, Kingstown, Ireland, 1865.

Pope Gregory XIII announced the introduction of the reformed (Gregorian) calendar, 1582.

The Flying Scotsman went into service, 1923.

Juan Perón was elected President of Argentina, 1946.

Dig uncovers city's Saxon dead

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE remains of some 5,000 Saxon inhabitants of Hereford have been found in a charnel pit excavated near the cathedral. The bodies had apparently been disturbed when the Norman cathedral was begun between 1107 and 1115, and were dumped into a pit dug to extract gravel for the building work.

"The amount of charnel is phenomenal," Richard Stone of the City of Hereford Archaeology Unit reports in *Rescue News*. "It was not carefully laid, but simply dumped in from the top, doubtless from carts."

Since the associated finds indicate a date for dumping early in the twelfth century, and the bodies would have had to have been reduced to skeletons by then, most of those moved probably died before the Battle of Hastings. How many years' accumulation of burials is not known.

Several complete burials were placed in the pit as well, in one case with two stones as a pillow. Mr Stone says: "Clearly there was great variety in the reverence shown to different corpses."

When all the skeletons had been deposited, the pit was sealed with soil containing many small bones: this was probably the grave fill from around the disturbed bodies.

The gravel extracted from the pit prior to its infilling with the bones may well have been for use in the foundations of the cathedral.

Source: *Rescue News* 60: 7-8.

☐ A Roman fort has been found at Middlewich, Cheshire, on land scheduled for development. Almost the entire ground plan has been revealed, and it has been dated to the late first or early second century AD.

Adrian Tindall, principal archaeologist with Cheshire County Council, said: "Geophysical survey has revealed a rectangular enclosure, 125 by 113 yards and covering 3.75 acres. It has entrances on at least three sides, and rounded corners."

Excavations confirmed the line of the defences and the presence of internal buildings, probably of a short-lived camp or auxiliary fort. It may have protected the saltworks which made Middlewich, *Salinae* to the Romans, prosperous from the first to fourth centuries AD.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M. Atkinson and Miss C.A. Faux
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.H. Atkinson, of Colby, Appleby, and Catherine Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronnie Faux, of Mungrisdale, Cumbria.

Mr J.H.B. Chancellor and Miss C.L. Carvill
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Antony Chancellor, of Cheddon Fitzpaine, Somerset, and Caron, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Carvill, of St Andrew's, Guernsey.

Mr M.P. Davis and Miss L.J. Sallitt
The engagement is announced from Zimbabwe between Michael, eldest son of Mr Dan Davis, of Plettenberg Bay, South Africa, and Mrs Janet Davis, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Sallitt, of Lauzerte, France.

Mr P. Harrison and Miss R.S. Mabson
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of District Judge and Mrs George Harrison, of Willington, Cheshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Len Mabson, of Camelford, Cornwall.

Mr P.J. Hearn and Miss J.E.C. Parkin
The engagement is announced between Paul Joseph, youngest son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Hugh Patrick Hearn, of Oxford, and Julia Elizabeth Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael John Parkin, of Corfe Mullen, Dorset.

Mr G.F. Hill and Miss M.L. Ford
The engagement is announced between Gavin, younger son of Dr and Mrs A.F. Hill, of Beech, Alton, Hampshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ford, of Cranwich, Norfolk.

Mr D. Kong and Miss N.C. Riley
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Kim Siew Kong, of Hartfield, Sussex, and Nicola Clare, daughter of Mrs Carol Riley and the late Mr Sandy Riley, of Shere, Surrey.

Mr D.J. Owen and Miss S.K.T. Gethings
The engagement is announced between Daniel, only son of Mrs Gail Baker and stepson of Dr Ian Baker, of Soham, Cambridgeshire, and Sonja, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gethings, of Kilmacanogue, Co Wicklow.

Mr P.R.A. Shone and Miss M.J. Clark
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Shone, of West Kirby, Wirral, and Melanie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Clark, of Freckenham, Suffolk.

Mr M.J. Supple and Miss F.J. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Martin Joseph, son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Supple, of Alwoodley, West Yorkshire, and Felicity Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilson, of Walberton, West Sussex. The marriage will take place on Saturday, August 20, 1994, at the Church of St Richard, Slindon, West Sussex.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev John Tapper, Curate, Ashford St Mary: to be Priest-in-charge, Folkestone Holy Trinity w Christ Church (Canterbury).
The Rev William Taylor, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Washington (Durham): to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Heworth, same diocese.
The Rev Tom Thompson, Vicar, St Andrew, Longton, and Rural Dean of Leyland (Blackburn): to be Vicar, Nunthorpe (York).
The Rev Brian Anderson, Team Vicar, Saltash: to be Priest-in-charge, St Breoke and Egloshayle (Truro).
The Rev Robert Baker, Curate, Cromer: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, and St Margaret, Pakefield (Norwich).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Ian Caldwell, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Norton on Tees (Durham): to resign as from February 28.
The Rev Peter Cianchi, Vicar, Lavendon w. Cold Brayfield, Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville (Oxford): to retire as from June 15.
The Rev Don Brewin: to resign as Rural Dean of Aylesbury (Oxford) as from April 30, and as Team Rector, Aylesbury Walton Team Ministry (Oxford) as from mid-1994: to be UK National Director of SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad).
The Rev Canon Peter Fluck, Vicar, Boston St Botolph (Lincoln): to retire as from April 30.
The Rev David Hart, Priest-in-charge, St Nicholas, Ingrave (Chelmsford): to resign as from March 13.
The Rev Rayner Harries: to resign as Rural Dean of Mursley (Oxford) as from February 23, and to retire as Incumbent, Great Brickhill w. Bow Brickhill and Little Brickhill (Oxford) as from June 1.
The Rev Michael Heckingbottom, Vicar, Collingham w. Harewood (Ripon): to retire as from April 30.
The Rev David Lambert, Rector, Fotherby group of parishes (Lincoln): to retire as from April 30.
The Rev Canon Ralph Mayland, Canon Residentiary (Prebend of Laughton) and Treasurer of York Minster (York): to retire as from April 10. He is to be appointed Canon Emeritus of York Minster from this date. He will then take up the post of non-stipendiary Priest-in-charge, Brancepeth, diocese Durham.
The Rev Brian Newton, Vicar, Burgh le Marsh group of parishes (Lincoln): to retire as from June 13.
The Rev David Saunders, Priest-in-charge, Welton w. Dunholme and Scothern (Lincoln): to retire as from July 31.
The Rev Allan Sherratt, Vicar, Barmby Moor w. Allerthorpe, Fangfoss and Yapham (York): to resign as from February 14.

University news

Nottingham
New research grants in the first six months of the academic year totalled £17.33 million.

Big grants include more than £1 million for a research programme directed by Professor John Blanshard designed to improve the quality and shelf-life of food products. This project links the university with 13 multinational companies.

Other recent grants include:

£727,000 from the Science and Engineering Research Council for NUMBERS, the Nottingham University MBE (Molecular Beam Epitaxy) Research Syndicate, which will take forward the next stage of research into low dimensional semi-conducting structures. The project has so far attracted nearly £8 million in funding. The Science and Engineering Research Council has awarded £519,419 to Professor L Eaves and colleagues in the Department of Physics, for work on quantum transport in low dimensional structures; £247,461 to Professor N N Z Gindy, of Manufacturing Engineering and Operations Management, for work on manufacturing responsiveness through integrated process and production techniques; and £273,469 to Dr C D Rudd, Professor M J Owen and Dr N A Warrior of Mechanical Engineering for a LINK project on the fabrication and performance of stressed components with inserts.

The Medical Research Council awarded £529,605 to Professor Sir Peter Mansfield of the Department of Physics, Professor B S Worthington of the Department of Human Morphology and colleagues for work into ultra-high speed echo planar imaging.

The European Community has awarded Ecu 320,000 (£240,000) to J Craigon, Dr C R Black, Dr J C Atherton and Dr J J Colls of the Departments of Physiology and Environmental Science and Agriculture and Horticulture, for a European stress physiology and climate experiment, of which the first project will concentrate on wheat.

The Medical Research Council has awarded £191,153 to Professor S S Davis of Pharmaceutical Sciences for research into controlled release microparticles for oral parental immunisation against influenza, polio and measles.

West of England
David Morgan, Avon County Council Treasurer, has been awarded an honorary degree of Master of Arts.

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How different it is with one who devotes himself to reflecting on the law of the Most High. The memory of him will not die and his name will live for ever. *Ecclesiasticus 39:1.9 (REB)*

BIRTHS

BARNETT - On February 18th, to Bronte (née Woodrun) and Charlie, a son, Caspar George, a brother for Rosie and Hector.

BEARD - On 18th February 1994 at RCH Winchester, to Simon and Carol (née Stabbert), a son, Anthony George Wales, a brother for Alexander.

BUTLER - On 16th February 1994 at Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, to Dorota and Robert, a daughter, Francesca Charlotte, a sister for Alexander.

CLARKE - On 22nd February 1994 at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Catherine (née Shuttlewood) and Christopher, a son, Rory Oliver, a brother for Lucy.

CLARKSON - On February 9th 1994, to Georgina (née Pennington) and Graeme, a son, James Nicholas.

DENNISON - On February 15th 1994, to Jane (née Osborne) and John, at St Mary's Hospital, a son, James Frederick John.

de ROTHSCHILD - On 21st February 1994, to Louise (née Williams) and Lionel, a son, Leopold James, a brother for Elizabeth.

DOWLER - On February 22nd, to Vanessa (née Trill) and Andrew, a son, James David Lindsay.

FRASER - On February 19th, to Joanna and Simon, a son, Charles Dunbar Buckenham.

GILMOUR - On 18th February 1994, to Annabel (née Gillespie) and Angus, a son, John Leith Maitland.

MACDONALD - On Sunday February 6th, to Joanna (née Ford) and Alasdair, a beautiful daughter, Isabella Alice.

MOIR - On 22nd February, to Kate (née Heneage) and Malcolm, a daughter, Jemima Mary.

VAN DER FLOEG - On February 18th to Jane and Ronnie, a son, Thomas William, a brother and accomplice for Robert, Lauren and Rachel.

BIRTHS

VOS - On February 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Dominique (née Koppens) and Richard, a beautiful daughter Suzanne Henriette, a sister for Natasha.

WATSON - On February 22nd, to Julia (née Mesrel) and Geoff, a son, Christopher Geoffrey, a brother for Jennifer.

DEATHS

BAYLAY - On February 22nd 1994 peacefully aged 79, Lieut. Colonel Bingham Charles (Bimo), late of The Rifle Brigade, after years of failing health borne with great courage and patience. Dearly loved husband of Val, father of Christobel and Charles, grandfather of Annabel, Harry, Tom, Kate and father-in-law of Richard and Lizzy. Service of Thanksgiving at St John the Baptist's Church, Clayton, near Hassocks, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 1st March. No flowers please. Donations if wished to Asthma Foundation c/o Frank Davey and Co., 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex BN6 9TT.

DAND - On 21st February at his home in Bristol, Andrew Kenneth Dand aged 46. Beloved husband of Neil, father of Philippa and Josephine. Service at Christ Church, Clifton, March 1st, 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St Peter's Hospice, 4 St Agnes Avenue, Bristol.

DURRAN - On February 21st peacefully at The Grange, Wendover, Bucks., James Carlill Rowley aged 95. Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service and cremation at Amersham at 4 pm on Monday 28th February. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Francis Hospice, Shrublands Road, Berkhamsted.

FREEDMAN - On 16th February, Frank Isaac Tadeis, remembered with love by his wife Rosalyn, son Matthew, brother Norman and family. Cremation at Croydon Crematorium Tuesday 1st March 3.45 pm.

DEATHS

FROMOW - On February 21st peacefully at her home in Wimborne, Dorset, Mabel Elizabeth, aged 85, loving and beloved wife of the late William, formerly of Criswick. Loving mother to the late Audrey, and to Donald and Robert, by whom she was dearly loved and will be so missed. Devoted grannie to Elspeth, and held in deepest love and affection by her sisters Hilda and the late Ethel, and by her daughters-in-law Eileen and Norma, and by all her relations and friends. Funeral Service at Wimborne Methodist Church, King Street, on Tuesday March 1st at 1.30. Flowers, or donations to Helen House Children's Hospice, Oxford, may be sent c/o A.E. Joliffe & Sons, 17 Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset, tel: (0202) 872060.

GAVIN - On 23rd February 1994, peacefully in hospital, after a stroke, Dr. Helen Mary Gavin of Great Bookham, aged 91. Widow of Alec Gavin, mother of Alastair and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham, Surrey, at 11.15 am Wednesday 2nd March. No flowers but donations may be made to Arthritis Care, 18 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2HD.

HARE - On February 21st, suddenly at home, Donald Gordon, most beloved husband of Anne, adoring father and grandfather. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday March 2nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired payable to For Eastern POW Assocn. c/o W.A. Trudelve, 18 Church Road, Epsom.

HISLOP - John Hislop died on February 22nd 1994. He wished for a private funeral, no flowers and no memorial service, but asked for any donations to go to Racing Welfare, The Jockey Club, Newmarket, Suffolk.

DEATHS

HIBBERT - David after a long illness on 21st February 1994, aged 48 years, at The Thames Valley Hospice, Windsor. Grateful thanks to all the staff for their loving care. Much loved husband of Pamela, father of Sarah and William, brother of Betty and John. Will be greatly missed by all his family and colleagues. Funeral Service to take place on Tuesday 1st March at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for the Royal Marsden Hospital (Sutton). All enquiries to David Greedy, The House of Grace, tel: (0344) 775741.

JARMAN - Derek, peacefully, at St Bartholomew's Hospital on 19th February. Dearly loved by family and friends. An inspiration to all whose lives he touched. Funeral 3pm Wednesday 2nd March. St Nicholas, New Romney, Kent. All friends welcome. No flowers please, any donations in lieu to Old Romney Parochial Church Council (Restoration) c/o Treasurer, Norton Cottage, Rheewall, Old Romney, Romney Marsh, Kent.

KEELING - David Richardson. Beloved father of Susan and Alison and grandad of Benjamin and Jordan. Suddenly on 21st February 1994. Forever missed by family and friends. The funeral service will take place at St Michael's Church, Broadway, Worcestershire, on Friday February 25th at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for British Heart Foundation to Philip Tomlins F/D, 36 The Leys, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 6AP.

MAXFIELD - Roger, beloved husband of Gillian, adored father of Richard and Victoria, died suddenly on 22nd February 1994 in hospital, Coventry, after long illness valiantly fought. Funeral Service Tuesday March 1st Coventry Cathedral 11 am, followed by private cremation. Cut flowers only please to A. Pargetter & Son, City Mews, Lamb Street, Coventry, tel: (0203) 223343.

DEATHS

LEY - Frederick Gordon, passed peacefully away on 26th January 1994, aged 86. Cremation has taken place. No flowers but donations to London City Mission if desired.

ROGERS - Constance Mary, on 21st February 1994 at the Victoria Hospital, Lewes, widow of J.P. (Jack) Rogers of Dalton-in-Furness and Lewes, dearly loved mother of Michael and Hugh and grandmother of Alastair, Requiem Mass at St Pancras Catholic Church, High Street, Lewes, on 2nd March 1994 at 1.45 pm, followed by burial. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the League of Friends, Victoria Hospital, Lewes c/o Messrs. Cooper and Sons, High Street, Lewes, East Sussex.

SHINNIE - On 18th February peacefully in Bexhill Hospital, James E., aged 95 years, brother of Douglas and beloved husband of Ellen and much loved father of Celia and dear Grandy of Amanda and Katie. Private cremation at Eastbourne on Friday 25th February 1994.

STEIN - Stanley, after a short illness, bravely suffered. Funeral February 24th. Always remembered by his family and many friends.

STEWART - On 20th February 1994, lately of Shrewsbury, Henry William Basil, aged 90. Much loved. Husband of the late Patricia (Pat), father of the late Dendl, grandfather of Tammy and Rowan. Funeral Service, Shrewsbury Crematorium on Thursday 3rd March at 2 pm.

TRELEAVEN - On 21st February peacefully after an illness lasting several months, Jim Treleaven aged 76. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crematorium on Tuesday 1st March at 12 noon. All friends very welcome, family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

DEATHS

STUBBS - On Sunday 20th February, at home, Mary in her 90th year. Formerly of St Mary and St Anne Abbots Bromley, London Hospital, Nottingham General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Matron of the Mother and Baby Home Cambridge, one of the founder members of the Cambridge Samaritans. Funeral Service at Little St Mary's Church, Trumpington Street, Cambridge, at 2.30 pm on Thursday March 3rd. No flowers by request, but donations to The Samaritans, Cambridge Branch, would be appreciated c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

WADE - On February 19th 1994, peacefully in hospital in Hampstead, Michael aged 72. Sadly missed by family and friends. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Holly Hill, Hampstead, on Wednesday 2nd March at 11 am.

WEGERIF - On 21st February 1994, John Christian Godfrey Wegerif, CBE, aged 87, peacefully at Burnham Lodge Nursing Home, Bucks. Dearly loved father of Christopher and Stephen, grandfather of Simon, Dominic, Andrew, Carrianne and Benjamin, and great-grandfather of Lucy. Past Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths. Funeral Service at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, on Thursday March 3rd - 11.30 am. Flowers to Cyril H. Lovegrove, Funeral Directors, 4/5 Town Square, Bracknell, Berks. tel: Bracknell 421949, or donations to Macmillan Nurses.

WOOD - Thomas Arthur of Stratford-upon-Avon, peacefully on 10th February, aged 81. The very dear husband of Irene, Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, on Monday 28th February at 2pm. Donations if desired to Warwickshire Masonic Charitable Association c/o John Hackney, 2 Sterling Road, Birmingham B16 9SB.

DEATHS

WILMOT - On February 19th, Patricia, in St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight. Beloved wife of Richard and family, Elizabeth, Anne, John, Robert and James.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MITCHELL - Christopher John, dearly loved husband of Carolyn, father of Neil and Clive, son, brother, nephew and friend to many in Scotland on January 22nd 1994. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Sandiway Methodist Church at 2 pm on Monday 7th March. Donations to Lockerbey Mountain Rescue Team, Police and RAF to Clive Mitchell, 45 East Lane, Cuddington, Northwich, CW8 2QQ. Our grateful thanks to the rescue services, friends and family.

PERLE - A Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of Faith Perle will be held at St Mary's Church, Old Basing, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, on Saturday 7th May 1994 at 3.30 pm.

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LIEUT-COL SIR EDMOND JOLY DE LOTBINIÈRE

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbinière, soldier, businessman and former chairman of the Eastern Area of the Conservative Party, died on February 13 aged 90. He was born on March 17, 1903.



THE Eastern Area of the Conservative Party is a vast one. It embraces East Anglia and spreads from the outskirts of London to the borders of John Major's Huntingdon constituency. Edmond Joly de Lotbinière presided over it stylishly and with that quiet, firm way of doing things appertaining to the military man who has transferred successfully to the voluntary side of politics. He was typical of the upper-crust Tory chairmen of the shires of his generation — and more successful than most.

Inevitably, his name provided some difficulty at the constituency level. The Young Conservatives got over it by regularly referring to him as "Old Joly" — years before the first word was appropriate.

The family is of French Canadian stock. Sir Edmond's grandfather, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière, was Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia and his father, Brigadier-General H. G. Joly de Lotbinière, DSO, was commissioned into the Canadian Army and later came to Britain, joining the Royal Engineers. He served in the Middle East and in the North-West Frontier Province of India building forts along the Khyber Pass. His son Edmond was born in Egypt while his father was serving there. Educated at Eton, where he excelled in mathematics, he went on to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, following his father into the Army. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1923.

As he and his younger brother Seymour grew up they were very much "children of the Raj". When not at boarding school they stayed with relatives who lived in Edwardian splendour — the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Welbeck Abbey, Lord Mildmay of Fleet in Devon and the Grenfell family on the Thames at Marlow. (Seymour de Lotbinière — he dropped the Joly for convenience — was an executive with the BBC, 1932-67, and was appointed CVO by the Queen in appreciation of the help he gave to her father with his Christmas broadcasts. He predeceased his brother.)

In the late 1930s Edmond Joly de Lotbinière gave up his commission, finding his army pay of some £12 a month insufficient for maintaining his lifestyle and meeting his family commitments (he was twice married before he was 35 and already had two sons).

He found a better paid job with the Imperial Gas Company and this involved frequent business trips to Antwerp. He enjoyed the adventure of travelling on the small charter aircraft that flew from Croydon, then London's main airport. In subsequent years he would give graphic descriptions of the flying happenings of those early days — of aircraft ploughing into a cornfield, of brakes not working and the plane coming to a stop in a hedge.

With hostilities imminent he rejoined the Royal Engineers in 1939 and was en route to Aden on a troopship when war was declared. He had what used to be called "a good war," mainly fighting the Italians in East Africa and was mentioned several times in dispatches. With a platoon of Sappers, armed with nothing more than revolvers, he recaptured the town of Hargeisa in British Somaliland, receiving the surrender of the several thousand Italians who had occupied it and the ceremonial sword of their commander.

Later, with a handful of Sappers, he was given the job of clearing airfields in East Africa of bombs placed on them by the Italians. First the bombs were carefully made safe. Then they were found to be duds and he would say: "Italian bombs are no good!" And he would kick them, like footballs, off the runways.

After demobilisation he found life tough but not for long. His old job at Imperial Gas had gone to his former assistant of prewar days and there was nothing with real prospects on offer. A chance discovery of a new way of making building bricks fired his imagination. He started up a production business of his own in a shed with a few workers and a small mixing machine. The business grew and a similar factory was established in north London, along with several other enterprises, to supply components to the building trade. He was still working at his original factory until a few weeks before his death.

His second wife died after a long illness in 1953 and the following year he married Evelyn (née Dawnay) the widow of Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Innes, DSO. She was an active member of the Conservative Party and it was said at the time that the romance blossomed as a result of their constantly meeting at Conservative gatherings.

After his marriage he moved from his parents' home, Brandon Hall, near Bury St Edmunds, to his wife's home, Horringer Manor, a handsome Georgian house with a fine park. He and his wife entertained a great deal, especially visiting members of Tory governments (although Sir Edmond ceased to be chairman of the Eastern Area in 1965, the year after he was knighted, he returned as president in 1969, staying in office until 1972). There was nothing they liked better than taking guests to the billiard-room after dinner for a game of bridge, but whether the guests relished it much must be open to question. Sir Edmond and his wife were a most formidable partnership at the card table. Lady Joly de Lotbinière died after a long illness in 1976. He lived on at Horringer until his death.

He is survived by the two sons of his first marriage.

SIR LEONARD HOOPER

Sir Leonard Hooper, KCMG, CBE, a former intelligence co-ordinator at the Cabinet Office, died on February 19 aged 79. He was born on July 23, 1914.



THE one item always missing from Joe Hooper's desk was a pending tray: he never left for home until everything had been cleared. A leading influence in British intelligence for 40 years, his personal output earned him a formidable reputation. From the era of Hitler's Germany to that of East-West détente, Hooper laboured not only long hours but at phenomenal speed.

Although he ended his career in the Cabinet Office, he spent the greater part of it at Cheltenham. The transformation of the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) from being an intelligence out-station of the Civil Service into a large department enjoying the full confidence of Whitehall owed much to Hooper's determination and strength of character.

His gifts lay in his skills as an administrator. His emphasis on efficient housekeeping in particular provided the framework in which GCHQ's intelligence staff applied increased resources to meeting the challenges of the Cold War. It was equally important later on when, in a changed political and economic climate, they had to face up to the reality of internal cuts.

Hooper's intellect and attention to detail won him recognition throughout the intelligence hierarchy, not only in this country but in Washington and elsewhere. His appointment in 1973 as Britain's intelligence co-ordinator with the rank of deputy secretary in the Cabinet Office — the first director of GCHQ to hold the post — seemed a natural progression at the time.

Despite his subsequent career in the shadowy world of intelligence-gathering, his family came from the improbable background of the Baptist mission field. Born in East Dulwich, south London, Leonard James Hooper went to nearby Alleyn's School, where he acquired among other things his future sobriquet. He took part in a school concert with another boy, performing a minstrel duet called "Sam and Joe". Hooper took the part of Joe — and the name stuck. After that he was rarely known as anything else.

From Alleyn's he went to Worcester College, Oxford, where he took a first in modern history — and won a half-blue as a long distance runner. Then he joined the Government Code and Cipher School (GC&CS) as a young graduate. The year was 1938, the time of Munich.

Hooper was quickly seen as a high-flyer during the war, when the GC&CS was stationed at Bletchley Park. Unremarkable in his appearance, it was only when he spoke, and above all when he wrote, that his authority manifested itself. Specialising in intelligence work rather than code-breaking, he moved from the Italian section to head the Japanese air section — which was where he first demonstrated his full range of abilities as an organiser. His powers of rapid analysis set high standards for others to follow in his department.

At the end of the war, he joined the GC&CS's peacetime successor, the GCHQ. At first involved in drawing up the guidelines for the new department and its output, he moved onwards and upwards through various divisions, bringing much needed vigour to their organisation. As an assistant director he formulated the new structures necessary to deal with the pressures of the Cold War. Besides his organisational skills, he was also a first-class negotiator and he is said to have been largely instrumental in ensuring that the important intelligence agreements reached during this period safeguarded British interests. He was appointed CBE in 1951.

Hooper was promoted to deputy director in 1960 and finally to director in 1965. He left after eight years in the job to become the Government's intelligence co-ordinator, then retired in 1978 to settle in his adopted town of Cheltenham.

His off-duty interests included being chairman of the governors until 1985 of Dean Close School, Cheltenham, which named a quadrangle after him, installing a sundial which was decorated with symbolic whooper swans. He was also chairman of the Alleyn's School committee from 1974 and was involved in the school's successful transition from direct grant to fully independent coeducational status. His continuing interest in sport was reflected in his chairmanship of the Civil Service sports council, south-west area. He took his responsibilities seriously and regularly visited sporting facilities throughout the region.

Joe Hooper was married three times and is survived by his third wife Kate, who also worked at Bletchley Park and in GCHQ.

HENRI PIERRE

Henri Pierre, one of the founders and a long-time foreign correspondent of *Le Monde*, died in Washington on February 17 aged 75. He was born in Lyons on May 20, 1918.

HENRI PIERRE was one of the journalists who, under the leadership of Hubert Beauve-Méry, helped to found France's most famous newspaper in December 1944. During a career which spanned 38 years, he was *Le Monde*'s correspondent in Moscow, London and Washington.

Pierre was an extremely funny and courteous man who introduced humour into the serious newsroom of *Le Monde* at its old headquarters in the Rue des Italiens, by the Paris Opéra. André Fontaine, a former editor, said laughter was a rare commodity at the paper. In the circumstances, Pierre was one of the most popular members of the staff. And one of the most prolific — even after his retirement, in 1982, he continued to send regular articles from Washington.

Another rarity for *Le Monde* was Pierre's family background in journalism. His father turned to journalism after teaching French to daughters of the Tsarist nobility at the Smolny Institute in St Petersburg, a post cut short when Lenin took over the building as his headquarters at the outbreak of the Bolshevik Revolution. For some years after the Second World War, father and son worked at *Le Monde*, the father on the Russian desk, the son as a foreign editor. They had both been there when *Le Monde* was launched with the encouragment of General de Gaulle as a new voice in a French press largely discredited by collaboration with the Vichy regime and the German occupiers.

De Gaulle, who admired Beuve-Méry (they later fell out over the Algerian war), also was a follower of Pierre's articles from Washington, where he was correspondent between 1953 and 1959, from London, where he was based for five years until 1964 and then from Moscow where he served until 1968.

De Gaulle once said to him laconically: "I read you Pierre." The President had little time for journalists, but Pierre was one of the exceptions. He found Pierre a useful source for Kremlinology and for Whitehall's views of French policy. Pierre covered not only politics, but also everyday life from various capitals. His readers included both those running the country and the Frenchman in the street. It was *Le Monde*'s heyday when the paper was very much the journal of record and when circulation topped the half-million every afternoon. Pierre — in spite of displaying a very British sense of humour — was one of the paper's stars.

His various homes, notably in London and Moscow, were a meeting point for the French community, visiting French dignitaries and his many foreign friends. He became very attached to London where one of his sons started an acting career. In Moscow, where he was one of a line of notable *Le Monde* correspondents during the Cold War, his apartment was a cheerful haven during a sinister period.

Washington, however, became his home from home. He was a confidant of Hervé Alphand, the French Ambassador during the Kennedy years, who was probably the most successful, as well as the most social, of French envoys sent to the American capital. Pierre and Alphand were noted mimics who often did a double act, especially their impersonation of the wife of an American senator who once asked: "Do you have camembert in France, too, Monsieur Pierre?"

Following his retirement Pierre remained in Washington where, despite heart surgery, he continued to fill in for *Le Monde* and where he became a broadcaster for French radio.

He is survived by his three children.

BARBARA WILLARD

Barbara Mary Willard, author, died on February 18 aged 84. She was born at Hove on March 12, 1909.



"AWFUL RUBBISH," said Barbara Willard once, talking about the novels that she wrote during the 1930s. A harsh judgment for, although they were romantic stories of their time, they showed from the start a dedication to the craft of writing which was to be the hallmark of her life.

She was born the daughter of an actor and had what she called a "sketchy education" at the Convent of La Sainte Union at Southampton. This was combined with some acting — she once played a boy in a production of *Macbeth* at Stratford-upon-Avon — but, after tentative steps towards a theatrical career, she turned to her chief love, writing, and began to work on novels, short stories, and on production scripts for films. This last experience was of use during the Second World War, when she and her life-long companion, Frances Howell, became readers and script editors for 20th Century Fox.

After the war Willard published several more novels and some stories for children about the Pennithorne family and their obdurate caravan, and this led to her work being brought to the notice of a perceptive editor, Grace Hogarth, who was establishing a new children's list at Constable. With Hogarth's encouragement, she wrote *The House with Roots* (1959) and so discovered that writing for children was, for her, the most satisfying medium for her talents.

For the next ten years, Barbara Willard devoted herself assiduously to mastering that most difficult of arts. She developed the techniques for writing simple stories for younger readers (she had a gift here for finding her way into the erratic minds of small boys) and more complex stories for near-teenagers. Many of these focused on contemporary domestic crises: a house to be pulled down for a new road in *The House with Roots*, an orphan discovering her gifts in *Charity at Home* (1965). The treatment of these themes was not politicised in a way that has become fashionable today, but was used to explore the relationships between characters. The people in her stories always came first: "It is quite possible," she wrote, "to start writing on the first page knowing practically nothing about what is to happen — so long as you know whom it will happen to . . ."

This emphasis on characterisation was wedded to an ambitious realisation of narrative in her greatest work: the "Mantlemass" saga, which began with *The Lark and the Laurel* in 1970. She had shown a capacity for fashioning historical stories in her early book, *Son of Charlemagne* (1959) and had achieved a notable success in the genre with *The Grove of Green Holly* (1967), a tale of actors in the hard times of the Commonwealth period. That book, whose ending was set in the Ashdown Forest, was a direct inspiration to "Mantlemass" which followed the fortunes of a forest family over five generations and seven books, from Bosworth to the Great Rebellion.

Barbara Willard claimed to be no researcher in an academic sense. "I fumble and bumble over a lot of unprofitable ground," she once wrote, but writing "Mantlemass" came to preoccupy her so intensely that her wide reading was absorbed into an historical epic of great conviction.

Part of the reason for this was the Ashdown Forest setting itself, for which she had an abiding love. She was delighted to discover during her researches that there had actually been a forest ironmaster called Willard. She lived for many years in a cottage on the edge of Ashdown, where she became a passionate gardener. She was also a member of the Board of Forest Conservators and wrote several books celebrating the English countryside and Sussex in particular. Her preoccupation with "Mantlemass" later led her to publish two further fictions, filling out parts of the original sequence, and in recent years she had gone on to publish other stories set in Ashdown: *The Queen of the Pharisees' Children* (1983) which won the Whitbread Children's Book Award, and *The Ranger's Daughters* (1992).

In the years before she began to suffer from failing eyesight, she was keen on cars and driving and wrote, with Frances Howell, *The Junior Motorist*; *The Driver's Apprentice* (1969). She also liked to visit schools and libraries to talk to children about her work, and something of her zest for the whole genre of children's literature came through in the hilarities of *Hullabaloo!*, illustrated by Fritz Wegner (1969), one of the best anthologies of children's stories ever published.

MARIJA GIMBUTAS

Marija Gimbutas, author and archaeologist, died in Los Angeles on February 2 aged 73. She was born in Vilnius, Lithuania.

MARIJA GIMBUTAS's feminist theories challenged traditional views of prehistoric societies. According to her the world was a peaceful place during the Stone Age. People throughout Europe worshipped life-giving goddesses, and their societies were centred on women. And then, she theorised, about 6,000 years ago the harmony was shattered by patriarchal invaders, and the goddesses gave way to reverence for war-like gods.

Many scholars have remained sceptical about Gimbutas's thesis, founded on a blend of archaeology and mythology which has created the new field of "archaeomythology." But the idea has been welcomed by some feminists, who saw in it an imaginative alternative to conventional male-centred explanations of history.

Gimbutas, who established her reputation with works on the prehistory of Eastern Europe in 1956, worked as Professor of European Archaeology at the University of California at Los Angeles from 1963 until her retirement four years ago. She was the author of 20 books on European prehistory and folklore, most notably *Goddesses and Gods of Old Europe* (1974), *The Language of the Goddess* (1989) and *The Civilization of the Goddess* (1991).

She is survived by three daughters.

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THE COW, THE LAW, AND THE BALL

From Our Golf Correspondent

It is to be hoped that everybody knows the story told by Mr. Jack Hopkins, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, about the child that swallowed the necklace. The child stole its elder sister's necklace made of large black wooden beads, cut the string, and swallowed a bead. The next day it swallowed two, and so on until in a week the whole 25 were gone. One day when the child was playing it made "a noise like a small hail-storm." It was carried rattling through the streets to the hospital. Some people have suggested that Mr Hopkins was romancing, but much the same sort of thing has lately occurred to confirm him. Here is a learned W.S. in Edinburgh who has just written to tell me of this case on which he was called to advise. There was a golf school, and there was a field next door in which bullocks were in the habit of grazing. By some means golf balls flew out of the school over the boundary and into the field. Presently one of the bullocks began to peak and pine; it grew more and more emaciated, "physicians were in vain," and it died. A *post mortem* revealed that it had swallowed 14 golf balls, and then the fun began, for the owner of the bullock vowed vengeance on the owner of the golf school. Here were all the makings of a very pretty quarrel and a leading case, but alas! the golf school and the bullock man seem most reprehensibly to have kissed and made it up behind their legal advisers' backs, and no more will be heard of it. I am not what Jerry Cruncher called an "agricultooral character," but I consulted one who has some claim to be so, and he declared that bullocks are constitutionally unable to masticate any round object, which instantly slips down. If this be so, as to which I have no views, can a poor man who slices be held responsible for this grave imperfection in Nature's construction of bullocks? I should be inclined to think not. On this point I had no expert evidence and felt besides that I was getting a little out of my depth. I looked out of the window. Heavens! There in my own field was a large army of bullocks placidly munching. A farmer hires that field from me and they are his bullocks, but I periodically use it as a practice ground and now and again I lose golf balls there. There can be no doubt that here and there in some particularly thick succulent tuft there lies a golf ball. Suppose one of those bullocks eats it and feels unwell, what will happen to me?

ON THIS DAY

February 24 1940

To write an article on golf in wartime February would have tested any journalist. Bernard Darwin was equal to it, drawing on his earlier studies in the law and on correspondence from his admirers.

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French face crunch

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

AIR FRANCE is facing "le crunch" within the next ten days, as the latest plans for saving the state-owned airline — now losing money at the rate of £60 million a month — is put to 42,000 workers.

The workforce has made it plain that it will not accept any redundancies and will strike if any such move is proposed, as they did last year when the last attempt to reduce the airline's losses was made.

Air France's new chief executive, Christian Blanc, has tried to take the workers into his confidence, but is still being met with union intransigence. He seems to have no choice but to press ahead with the reforms, whatever the unions may threaten.

Goaded by Britain's privatised and largely profitable airlines, the European Commission has made it clear that France can no longer ride roughshod over its regulations. From now on, the EC says, France must stop making state subsidies to its national airline.

One way, insiders have suggested, that the airline could avoid disaster, may be to close it down and reopen immediately in a different format, with every worker having to reapply for his job at lower pay.

BARRY WILKINSON



Dog-sledding in the Nordic mountains is an attraction offered by Norwegian hotels which is not available elsewhere and which is drawing more visitors from Britain

Norway back on snow track

BY RONALD FAUX

■ A high-cost, high-wage economy has meant that Norway has been out of bounds to the average British traveller. Now leaders of the tourist industry believe it is more competitive

THE Lillehammer Winter Olympics have boosted Norway as a prime destination and have marked a campaign to win back British tourists and business travellers. For more than a decade, the country has suffered from an image of being too cold and too costly. Where once a host of visitors flocked across the North Sea from the United Kingdom, oil-fired inflation made holidays and business trips to Norway a more exclusive preserve.

Recession in Britain, and an alcohol tax in Norway that put a ludicrous price on the cost of a round, compounded the problem for cost-conscious business travellers whose companies balked at their high expenses claims.

Competition from package deals to the Mediterranean in summer and to Alpine resorts in winter further widened the gap and a high-cost high-wage economy in Norway cut the number of British visitors on the ski slopes of Voss and Geilo or taking summer cruises in the fiords. Birgit Haugen, tourist manager in Geilo, says: "Though Norway was always popular in theory, high costs here and cheaper competition affected the numbers coming from Britain."

The Norwegian hopes rest on two years of inflation at less than 2 per cent, a relative fall in the value of the kroner and hotel prices that have hardly changed in the past three to five years. Ms Haugen said: "We have kept the high standard yet held prices stable while costs in France, Italy and Austria have been creeping upwards. We now believe Norway is again competitive. We have had Europe's biggest increase in tourism because we have so much unspoilt countryside and our 'green' profile is very high."

The attraction of Norway is more subtle than dramatic. The mountains may be lower than the Alps but their higher latitude guarantees the deep and even snow cover enjoyed by Olympic skiers.

Geilo offers 18 lifts serving 15 miles of groomed pistes. The general standard is intermediate rather than black but cross-country skiing is a big attraction. Running like tramlines from Geilo around the frozen edge of the Ustedalsfjorden lake are mile upon mile of prepared track. It is a tradition, a national sport and sometimes the only method of transport in Scandinavia. Young and old Norwegians ski the tracks in loping strides. The skis are light with a loose heel and at first are difficult to control. A few miles' struggle will bring the first trace of style and eventually a new dimension to skiing.

There is more cross-country in the countryside above the town and below the long shoulder of Hallingskarvet. Here, Captain Scott trained for his attempt on the South Pole and, it seems, failed to appreciate that dogs are far superior to ponies as polar transport.

The Bardola hotel in Geilo will arrange hour-long sleigh rides for £4 a person and dog rides through the mountains for £25 a head. Braathens, the Norwegian airline, offers a super-apex flight from Gatwick or Newcastle to Bergen — a spectacular train ride away from the resort — for £170 return. Taber Holidays (0274 735611) has a week's all-inclusive Snow Break at the Bardola from £650.

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Hot property

DEVELOPERS planning to create a tropical rainforest in Grimsby are hoping the scheme will be a tourist attraction for the east coast fishing port. The Amazon Experience will feature an undercover man-made forest of plants, trees and lakes, complete with tropical birds and insects.

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Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

Post-bomb New York lures back Britons

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

BRITISH holidaymakers have shrugged off fears caused by the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre in New York — tomorrow is the first anniversary of a blast which left six people dead and more than 1,000 injured — and are flying to the Big Apple in increasing numbers.

New York has recovered its popularity after the bombing caused demand to fall. Nigel Hards, Thomas Cook's retail director, says: "The recent pick-up in sales of short-break holidays has led to a sharp increase in the number of travellers booking to New York for a three or four day stay. New York now leads the way in the long haul, short-stay market." British Airways Holidays says that after Paris, New York is its second most popular short-break destination. Britain, which sent 449,000 visitors in 1992 compared with 387,000 from Japan, is New York's biggest overseas market.

Both BA and Virgin Atlantic are offering fares of £215 return (plus £25 tax) to the Big Apple. BA Holidays also has special flight and hotel packages until the end of March, including three nights in the three-star Southgate Tower, near Macy's department store in downtown Manhattan, for £332 return.

New-York is especially popular as a short-break shopping destination, although the fall in the value of sterling against the dollar has made price differences smaller.

Surprisingly, the damage caused to the World Trade Centre was relatively minor and the 1,350ft twin towers reopened within two months. Visitor numbers to the 107th floor observation deck are now higher than a year ago.

But the 22-storey Vista Hotel, which took the brunt of the blast, is still shut for repairs. It is due to reopen later this year.

Fast track to a house in the sky

BY TONY DAWE



A Sarawak longhouse community near Kuching, the capital

THE land of the headhunters wants more Britons — as tourists, of course — and plans to lure them not with relics of its gruesome past, but with the more palatable, topical attractions of eco-tourism.

Sarawak, the Malaysian state in northern Borneo where shrivelled skulls used to be fashionable decorative features for rafters in many dwellings, is now setting up its own tourist board instead of relying on the nationwide Malaysian tourism agency.

Describing itself as "the land of the hornbill", one of Sarawak's main targets will be to reverse the decline in the number of British visitors, which fell by 3,000 to 23,000 last year, while the numbers of Britons heading for peninsula Malaysia increased to 140,000.

Dr Charles Leh, the state's deputy tourism co-ordinator, explained the advantages of a regional agency: "Promotions by the country's national tourist board, Tourism Malaysia, have not provided us with as many visitors as we would have hoped for. Once our own board is established in May, we hope to get access to the British market by attending a trade fair in the UK; ideally of course we would like to have an office in Britain."

Sarawak's campaign to increase local tourism is timely, coinciding with the completion of a master plan including a £100 million investment in tourist infrastructure, with the emphasis on building roads and accommodation. As a result, the state can now offer tourists much more than just rugged adventure trips. Amply served with flights connecting with Malaysia Airlines' non-stop London to Kuala Lumpur service, it will have even closer links with Britain if the airline seals a code-sharing agreement with British Midland.

This will enable passengers to book direct flights from UK airports to destinations in Sarawak.

The principal attractions remain the native longhouses, standing like terraced village streets on stilts, and within which families work, relax and sleep in close proximity to each other.

Some local tour operators arrange week-long river trips, enabling visitors to stay in a variety of longhouses belonging to some of the 20 different tribes extant in Sarawak, while others offer two-day trips to Skrang, site of the the nearest longhouse community to the state capital, Kuching.

From mid-summer, however, tourists will be able to visit longhouses without compromising their personal comfort when Hilton International opens an up-country hotel at Batang Ai. With the recent opening of its Damai Beach hotel, Holiday Inn can offer two-centre breaks combining the rigours of the jungle with the undeniable attractions of the sun, sand and the South China Sea.

Dr Leh insisted that the planned growth in tourism will not destroy the indigenous culture that the state is trying to preserve. "Visitors have been going to the longhouses at Skrang since 1981 — in small and controlled groups — and with a greater variety of sites now available, we plan to keep it that way," he said.

Sarawak could build its tourism industry if it launched a joint campaign with Sabah, the other Malaysian state in northern Borneo. Sabah has its own share of natural attractions, including Mount Kinabalu, the highest in Southeast Asia, the Sepilok orang-utan sanctuary and islands where green turtles come ashore to lay their eggs every year. Sabah could make a natural tourism partner for the more rugged and steamier Sarawak, but political differences have so far prevented that.

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Private flights squeezed

■ *Struggling for survival, Britain's air charter firms now find airport landing and take-off slots are at a premium*

BY DAVID HEWSON

THE world's most privileged flyers — executives who take a private company plane — are being pushed to the back of the queue at airports. Recession has thinned the executive aircraft fleets run by the world's big companies, and international airports are starting to turn away business aircraft to make way for scheduled carriers.

Heathrow has cut the number of slots available to business flights from 15,000 to 10,000 per year, and operators at the airport now complain that they often have to accept departure times at 20 minutes' notice just to get away. Some company jets trying to take executives to join Concorde flights to America are now flying staff to Paris, where corporate aircraft are still welcome, to avoid the aerial snarl-ups around London.

BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, blames the restrictions on rising pressure for the limited number of take-off and landing slots available at Heathrow. But BAA now also makes more from airport shops than from landing fees, and so would perhaps rather welcome a 747 with hundreds of passengers than a corporate jet with a handful, though both may pay the same basic landing fee.

Britain's small business aviation operators are smarting from the cuts. According to members of the General Aviation Manufacturers' and Traders' Association (Gamta), the reduction of business aviation facilities at Heathrow is not a minor inconvenience for pampered company executives but a damaging threat to attracting new companies to Britain.

Murray Law, the managing director of Hunting Aviation, which services business aviation flights into Heathrow, admits that corporate flying has an image problem. "There is a very serious lack of understanding about the benefits business aviation brings to Britain, and it isn't helped by TV images of James Bond and Learjets," Mr Law says. "Most of our flights are executives going to meetings, security flights, health care missions, politicians or members of the royal family, all looking for more flexibility than they can get from a scheduled airline.

"Business aircraft fly to 2,000 airports in Europe, scheduled services to 200. If we turn away incoming aircraft, they will just go to another country."

The squeeze on corporate aviation is not limited to Britain. Several other European countries are trying to turn away corporate flights from larger airports. The exception is in France, where most airports are owned by the local chamber of commerce, and even the smallest airports fight to attract as many flights as they can.

In America, corporate flights are welcome in most large airports, or advised to fly into a nearby executive airport with easy transport facilities between the two. The problem in London is that there is no obvious executive airport for business aircraft to use as a convenient alternative. Farnborough, Biggin Hill and the Ministry of Defence airport at Northolt in Middlesex are all used by commercial flights when they have no choice, but Gamta's air transport adviser, Air Commodore Mike Rayson, says that most passengers want to arrive close to west London. "However you look at it, the alternative airports tend to be too far away and never have the facilities that you can get at Heathrow," he says.

According to Mr Law, the restrictions on business aviation have had a serious effect on his company's turnover, though he is unwilling to quote figures. There are fewer than 25 business planes based permanently at Heathrow today, compared with more than 30 a decade ago.

Last June, there were 8,783 aircraft registered in Britain, 546 of them airliners, 309 turbo-props, 114 executive jets and most of the rest light aircraft. Around 110 British companies operate their own aircraft, while others charter from 150 air taxi companies which fly 95,000 hours a year, generating a turnover of around £80 million.

Heathrow says it is not trying to squeeze business aviation out of the airport. BAA says that because small flights are more subject to wake turbulence from big jets, each corporate movement requires up to twice the slot time of a scheduled carrier. Business operators dispute these figures.

"The rules governing the number of movements at Heathrow are operated on an ultra-conservative basis," Mr Law says. "If any airport is faced with a choice between allowing in a packed jumbo and a small corporate jet, why should it turn away hundred and let in the few? Look at the M25. You've got small vans competing with 30-ton trucks, but does anybody suggest you should let the trucks take over and send the vans through the high street instead?"



The racy image of the corporate jet user is removed from the reality of the flights that cannot get landing times

Haven for the heart

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

AS WORK, financial and personal pressures increase and noise levels in city environments drive thousands to distraction, many people with little or no religion are taking spiritual retreats instead of the traditional holidays at home and abroad.

Retreats are being sold as the "ultimate interior holiday" and, according to the *Good Retreat Guide* published next month, they offer "a haven of peace and tranquillity where the busy, noisy and increasingly stressful world will not intrude".

The 300 retreats listed in the guide range from Christian to Buddhist, Hindu, Yoga and New Age, and can be healing, contemplative or group retreats — or organised specially for the individual.

Others specialise in themes such as painting, nature, walking, gardening, music and calligraphy. For the first time retreats in Spain are included, as well as Britain, Ireland and France. The author, Stafford Whiteaker, writes in the introduction: "All this yearning for peace has resulted in the biggest growth in retreats in Europe since the Middle Ages."

He claims that non-believers are joining monks to sing ancient psalms and the French back-to-nature movement is winning converts from the middle classes.

People now want deep nourishment, respite and some sense of haven, he says. "The doors of Christian and Buddhist convents and monasteries across Europe are opening to receive guests who seek the peaceful surroundings in which a hidden world of the heart is lived out."

● *Good Retreat Guide, published by Rider on March 3. Price: £11.99.*

Hope in the malaria war

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

SCIENTISTS have overcome two major obstacles in the struggle to develop a vaccine to combat malaria, one of the world's most widespread and persistent diseases.

Despite more than 100 years' research, there is as yet no effective vaccine to prevent malaria, which kills one million children in Africa every year and causes between 300 and 500 million cases to require some kind of treatment.

The SPf66 vaccine, developed by Colombian scientist Manuel Patarroyo, has now passed new human trials in a region of Africa which suffers from rampant malaria, according to a spokesman from the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR).

Preliminary conclusions show that the vaccine induces a strong immune response against malaria without causing any harmful side effects. The development of an immune response is a necessary step for the body's system to fight an invading disease.

As well as protecting people who live in malarial regions, the vaccine could help travellers. Each year there are 2,000 cases of malaria in Britain — 1,200 of which are produced by the potentially fatal strain — resulting in about 12 deaths.

Dr Ron Behrens, consultant in tropical and travel medicine at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London, says that the areas at greatest risk are in West Africa, particularly in Ghana and Nigeria, where the incidence of the disease is higher than it has ever been.

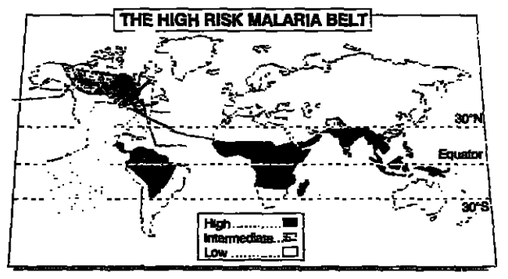
In Kenya, he says, rates have fallen by 28 per cent during the past three years. The search for an effective vaccine is all the more important because the malaria parasite is becoming resistant to the more widely-used drugs.

The disease has been controlled in many areas of the world by the use of insecticides to kill the malaria-carrying mosquito, or by the destruction of the mosquito habitat. However, these methods have not been practical or cost-effective across much of Africa or in large regions of Latin America and Asia, making a vaccine the best potential alternative.

The results of the Phase I/II trials of the SPf66 vaccine in the Kilombero district of Tanzania were published this month in the British medical journal *Vaccine*, and gave the green light to proceed with the final phase of the human tests now underway. The results will be available in October and scientists hope that a vaccine might be available for wide-scale use by 1998.

The World Health Organisation says there are more and more pockets of drug-resistant parasites throughout the tropical belt, although chloroquine is still acknowleged to be the best anti-malarial drug for general use.

Dr Robert Walgate, spokesman for TDR, said: "There will have to be a sequence of vaccines — rather like the ones for 'flu — to protect against mutating strains of the parasite. But overall there is a very good chance that SPf66 will prove successful."



P & O is pushing the boats out

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

P&O is to spend almost £900 million on four new luxury liners to meet the demand for cruises from Alaska to the Caribbean.

Demand for cruises in the North American market has risen by 10 per cent a year for the past decade, while the British market has doubled in the last five years.

The biggest liner — 90,000 tons and capable of carrying 2,500 passengers — is being built at the Fincantieri yard in Italy at a cost of £260 million, for delivery in 1997. It is designed specifically for the lucrative Caribbean market.



P & O's new Sun Princess

A second ship, costing £200 million, is also being built in Italy. Two other ships are due for delivery in 1995 and 1996. The 77,000-ton Sun Princess will operate in both the Caribbean and Alaska, while the Oriana is being built to sail the same routes from Southampton as the Canberra. These new ships will increase the British-owned company's passenger capacity by 70 per cent and make it the second largest cruise line in the world.

Record numbers swarm to Majorca

BY JOHN WELLMAN

MAJORCA, Britain's favourite holiday destination, benefited from a record tourist intake last year with an overall increase of 6 per cent. 1993 figures for this largest of the Balearic islands show that 1,408,500 Britons visited Majorca — 185,000 more than 1992. Overall 5,191,700 visitors went there, 6.3 per cent up on the previous year.

Viva Air, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Iberia, which flies daily from Heathrow to Palma, also reports an 85 per cent rise in business class travel, and a 58 per cent increase in passengers during 1993.

How many of those prepared to pay £388 for the business class return fare are executives and how many are holidaymakers wanting more status than the those paying £129 in economy class is not clear, however. Although the figures must be seen against the poor start of 1992, due to the Gulf War, local tourist authorities say that peak season tourism this year could reach saturation point. A price war among Britain's big travel agents, with cuts of up to 11 per cent, has helped towards this.

The island is pressing ahead with various improvement projects, including a new terminal for the airport, which during summer is one of the busiest in the world. £180 million has been earmarked for improvements to beaches and resorts and a study of the impact of tourism on Majorca's physical and cultural environment is being carried out. Individual hotels, such as Richard Branson's exclusive La Residencia at Deia — home of the late Robert Graves — are noting the increased business and expanding.

A new traditional Majorcan-style wing is being added to La Residencia's two old manor houses, which were last expanded in 1984 and 1989. The new wing will create an extra 65 rooms and two apartments on top — each with their own swimming pool and dramatic view of the valley — costing around £700 per day.

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NEWS

Kremlin mole 'betrayed 10 spies'

■ Up to ten agents spying for America were executed in Russia after being betrayed by Aldrich Ames, the former CIA agent accused of being a Kremlin mole for nearly a decade, intelligence experts said.

The deaths of at least two agents have been directly linked to disclosures Mr Ames and officials in America believe the figure may have been as high as ten, although the full extent of his betrayal may never be known ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Seven bishops say they will join Rome

■ Seven bishops and more than 700 clergy announced that they are to become Roman Catholics in the wake of the final decision by the Church of England to ordain women priests. They said they accepted the authority of the Pope and intend to to seek unity with Rome..... **Page 1**

Yeltsin snub

Russia's parliament delivered its first serious snub to President Yeltsin by calling for an amnesty for his enemies who took part in the rebellion ..... **Page 1**

Lilley evidence

Peter Lilley signed a gagging order in the Matrix Churchill trial despite believing that the prosecution "would almost certainly fail". Lord Justice Scott's enquiry heard ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Soldiers wanted

Army recruiting is to be boosted by 20 per cent with 12,000 vacancies available from April, it was announced as the Ministry of Defence confirmed that about 7,000 older officers and men are to be made redundant ..... **Page 2**

Judge criticises jury

One of the most controversial circuit judges provoked a furore when he criticised a jury for clearing a man of malicious and unlawful wounding..... **Page 3**

Blizzard chaos

Blizzards brought chaos to thousands of travellers as up to 6 in of snow fell in some areas of the country..... **Page 3**

Unfair play

Laws to penalise violence in sport are needed, said the Law Commission. Footballers who commit fouls or fast bowlers who severely injure batsman could come before the courts ..... **Page 4**

Fees held down

Independent schools intend to set their lowest increase in fees for more than a decade to help ensure that next month's tax increases do not force pupils to leave..... **Page 6**

Portillo plea

Michael Portillo sought to steady the Tory Party by dismissing speculation about a challenge to John Major and by pleading with right-wingers to recognise that the Government has acted to curb public spending ..... **Page 8**

Traffic reprieve

Anti-pollution traffic bans were ruled out by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary .... **Page 9**

Russia says No

The chances of Nato using more Sarajevo-style threats to achieve ceasefires in other besieged areas of Bosnia faded, when Russia launched a blistering attack on the tactic ..... **Page 10**

Iran-Iraq 'deal'

Sons of the Iraqi and Iranian Presidents are involved in a multi-million-dollar sanctions-busting deal, despite the continuing enmity between the two countries ..... **Page 12**

Hong Kong defiance

Hong Kong legislators defied China and passed into law the first stage of the moderate constitutional change drawn up by the Governor, Chris Patten.. **Page 13**

French defends its *raison d'être*

■ The French government unveiled a law to turn back the tide of "franglais" and combat English supremacy. Language police will crack down with fines or the removal of subsidies for anyone using English in advertising, communications or broadcasting. Radio stations will no longer be able to refer to "hit-parades" or theatres to "one-man shows"..... **Page 1**



President Yeltsin shows the strain as he confers with two of his ministers at a military ceremony in Moscow yesterday. Page 1

BUSINESS

British Aerospace: BAe is seeking joint venture partners for its defence and regional aircraft businesses, the two main wholly-owned areas of activity remaining following last month's controversial sale of Rover to BMW..... **Page 23**

British Gas: The Government's imposition of VAT on domestic fuel will wipe out the benefit of lower gas prices since privatisation, says the industry regulator ..... **Page 24**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 8.2 points to 3341.9. Sterling's index slipped from 80.7 to 80.6 after a fall from $1.4789 to $1.4762 and from DM2.5526 to 2.5513 ..... **Page 26**

SPORT

Winter olympics: Alberto Tomba failed to win the men's giant slalom event for the third time. The race was won by Markus Wasmeier, of Germany — his second gold medal of the Games ..... **Page 42**

Rowing: Oxford and Cambridge have drawn heavily on rowers from overseas in the crews they have announced for the Boat Race on March 26..... **Page 40**

Football: The Coca-Cola Cup semi-final second leg tie between Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United was postponed because poor weather made travelling difficult for supporters ..... **Page 44**

FEATURES

Asking forgiveness: "My first confession to a woman took place minutes after the General Synod had made its final decision that women could be ordained priests." Ruth Gledhill reports..... **Page 14**

New wave: The analysis of hair is a vital tool in fighting drug abuse, says Dr James Le Fanu..... **Page 15**

BOOKS

Dickens of a reporter: The *Pickwick Papers* author made his name as a journalist, writes Peter Ackroyd. Fiona Pitt-Kethley on Stephen Spender; David Pryce-Jones on China..... **Pages 36, 37**

ARTS

Aids story: *Philadelphia*, Hollywood's first mainstream film about Aids proves to be an intelligent and sensitive treatment with excellent acting from Tom Hanks in the central role ..... **Page 33**

The Duke analysed: Duke Ellington is not immune to analysis: a new 500-page compendium of critical writing about his music is published this week ..... **Page 34**

Kitchen think: A stunning revival of Arnold Wesker's early play, *The Kitchen*, requires most of the interior of the Royal Court to be ripped out and replaced by a steaming galley of chefs..... **Page 35**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Roy Hattersley, the former deputy Labour Leader, is to stand down at the next general election to write his *Middlemarch* **Page 8**



Paul Hill, 39, one of the Guildford Four, opened his appeal against his conviction for the murder of Brian Shaw, a former British soldier **Page 5**



Andrew Paice, 14 risked his life when he crawled across a frozen lake to rescue a 12-year-old girl who had fallen through the ice **Page 3**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Roads to a sales drive

■ Little and large — how Ford and Peugeot are taking opposite routes to attract new customers

Computer light on dark ages

■ Few works of English literature have excited as much scholarly debate as *Beowulf*. Can computer enhancement resolve some of its mysteries?

Peter Brook's return

■ Benedict Nightingale lifts the curtain on the year's most eagerly-awaited theatrical production: Peter Brook's adaptation of Oliver Sacks' *The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*

TV LISTINGS

In 1944 the capture of a Japanese-held island led to 29,000 casualties from the 30,000 defenders. *Suicide Island* (Ch4, 9pm)..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Intelligence test

The Ames case reveals that the end of ideological confrontation has not weakened the appetite of states for the secrets of their enemies — or their allies..... **Page 17**

Lessons for Labour

John Smith perhaps fails to recognise the political potency of education because Scottish schools are so good. But he was foolish to leave Ann Taylor in her post at the last reshuffle..... **Page 17**

Britain and Belize

There must be no room for doubt that Britain will stand by its former colony should Guatemala ever resort to a land grab..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

If the Chinese business horse has a six-stone jockey, the European and American jockeys weigh 120 stone, and each carries a bureaucrat on his back..... **Page 16**

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW

Intelligence supplied by a high-level KGB mole in the CIA during the final years of the Soviet Union must have had an extraordinary irony..... **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbinière, chairman of the Conservative's eastern area; **Sir Leonard Hooper**, intelligence co-ordinator at the Cabinet Office; **Barbara Willard**, author; **Henri Pierre**, French journalist; **Marija Gimbutas**, archaeologist... **Page 19**

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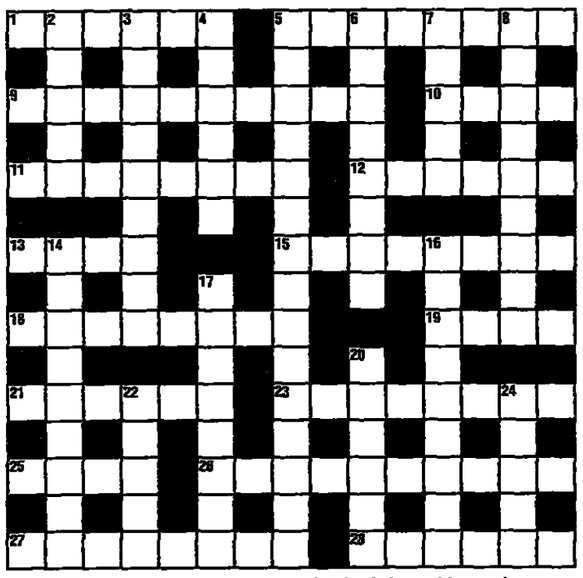
Edwina Currie, Lord Callaghan and Sir Bernard Ingham.. **Page 17**

THE PAPERS

The arrest of a CIA official and his wife on charges of spying is bound to convey a certain impression that not all that much may have changed with the end of the Cold War — *The Washington Post*

If Russia could penetrate as deeply as Ames and run him as a double agent for almost 10 years, something is terribly amiss with internal security at the CIA — *USA Today*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,474



ACROSS

1 Result implying down is cold? (6).
5 Odd card received in Iona, perhaps, from another islander (8).
9 *In a rare appearance, Red's* opposed to monarch a great deal (10).
10 Did keen partners briefly part? (4).
11 Targets set by party in North-East area (8).
12 Solvent, with a little money for starting business (6).
13 Affectedly dainty in what we eat (4).
15 Supporter at entrance privy to our secrets? (8).
18 Theatre of war (8).
19 Slow-moving predators (4).
21 *Happen to see French force to* both sides (6).
23 *It may be fine as a writing unit* (8).
25 Get ready for hiding-place, say (4).
26 Uncouth type in ship I let become disorderly (10).
27 Chevalier's beloved language (3,5).
28 School that cultivates the upper crust (6).

DOWN

2 *Cannon in castle, say* (5).
3 Taking map, had set out for city area (9).
4 Producer of scores with no end of elegance (6).
5 More demanding student craftsman becomes an author (6,9).
6 One who enjoys watching from nice seat, perhaps (8).
7 Mostly thrive as joiner employed by carpenter (5).
8 Dismay about artist is seen in value judgment (9).
14 Way in which government departments are grouped (9).
16 *Showing equipment and plan to* ordinary soldiers (9).
17 *Swift character was placed here in* short race (8).
20 Ornament 'arry put into French church (6).
22 Insect a plant's head concealed (5).
24 Introduction of controls on game in part of Africa (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19.468

C	A	V	E	T	T	O	■	H	A	S	H	I	S	H
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Solution to Puzzle No 19.473

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The Eliminator Crossword explained

The Eliminator Crossword puzzle, published on Thursday February 17, was intentionally difficult as its purpose was to reduce the number of qualifiers for the Bristol and London Regional finals of *The Times* Knockando Crossword Championship to manageable proportions (John Grant, Crossword Editor, writes).

About two thirds of the clues were of the same standard as the ordinary daily puzzle. The explanations of the remainder are as follows:

ACROSS

1 *Cato, Censor of Rome: cavetto,* architectural moulding.
2 One in VATIC, inspired or prophetic, + A(mateur).
11 Priest(ley).
18 "O my prophetic soul! My uncle!" (*Hamlet*).
22 Illusion = tulle (C.O.D.).
26 (Feminine) Italian peasants, chorus in *The Gondoliers*.

DOWN

3 Pronounced 'tea shack'.
5 *Heptateuch, the first seven books* in the O.T., ending with Judges.
13 *Portionist, a postmaster or* scholar of Merton College, Oxford (Chambers).
17 Platform for shifting wagons sideways (Chambers).
19 Virginia Woolf's Orlando.
22 EZ, Book of Ezra + E(nglish) + KIEL canal.
25 Pew, the blind beggar in *Treasure Island*.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey (Channel Isles) 19C (66F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, DC (32F); highest rainfall: Penzance 0.43in; highest sunshine: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway, 7.9hr.

FORECAST

England and Wales will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain or sleet. Becoming drier, with brighter spells mostly in northern England. Towards midnight, rain will spread into southwest England and the Channel Islands. S England and South Wales: max 6C (43F). E and N England, N Wales and Midlands: max 2-4C (36-39F). SW England, Channel Is. max 9C (48F).

Scotland will be cloudy in southern areas, with perhaps some sleet this morning. Central and northern areas brighter with scattered sleet or snow showers.

N Ireland cloudy with patchy rain, sleet or snow but becoming drier and brighter.

Scotland and N Ireland: max 2 to 4C (36 to 39F).

□ **Outlook:** Changeable with rain or showers, but brighter on Saturday. Becoming milder in the south.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY. t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.0	0.13	0	32	sn	Liverpool	5.3	-	2	36	s
Anglesey	3.3	0.01	-2	28	sn	London	-	0.07	4	39	sn
Aspatria	7.2	-	-7	19	s	Lowestoft	-	0.03	1	34	sn
Aviemore	2.9	0.04	3	37	sn	Manchester	5.8	-	3	37	s
Belfast	2.7	28	2	36	c	Margate	X	0.11	3	37	sn
Birmingham	-	0.02	1	34	sn	Minehead	-	0.25	2	36	r
Bognor R	-	0.08	3	37	r	Morecambe	8.0	-	3	37	s
Bournem'th	-	0.15	3	37	r	Newcastle	6.4	-	2	36	sn
Bristol	-	0.10	2	35	sn	Norwich	-	-	1	34	sn
Buxton	3.5	-	0	32	s	Nottingham	5.4	-	2	36	b
Cardiff	-	0.19	1	34	sl	Penzance	-	0.43	11	52	r
Clacton	1.2	0.01	2	36	b	Plymouth	-	0.12	10	50	r
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	-	0.21	3	37	r
Colwyn Bay	4.1	-	2	36	sn	Ross-o-wye	-	0.08	1	34	sn
Cromer	0.4	0.02	2	36	sn	Ryde	X				
Dunbar	X					Salcombe	X				
Eastbourne	-	0.15	3	37	r	Sandown	-	0.14	4	39	r
Edinburgh	4.7	0.12	4	39	sn	Saunton Snd	X				
Eskdalemuir	7.9	-	0	32	s	Scarboro'	5.9	0.24	1	34	b
Exmouth	-	0.31	7	45	r	Scilly Isles	-	0.22	11	52	r
Falmouth	X					Shanklin	-	0.16	4	39	r
Folkestone	0.3	0.08	-2	28	du	Skegness	5.2	-	2	36	b
Glasgow	5.9	0.01	3	37	sn	Southend	-	0.10	3	37	r
Guernsey	-	0.15	13	55	c	Southport	5.5	-	3	37	s
Hastings	-	0.13	3	37	r	Southsea	-	0.10	3	37	r
Hayling I.	X					Stornoway	3.2	-	5	41	h
Heme Bay	-	0.08	3	37	sl	Swansea	-	0.20	5	41	sh
Howe	0.3	0.09	3	37	d	Teignmouth	-	0.40	8	46	r
Hunstanton	1.1	-	1	34	b	Teoby	-	0.26	3	37	r
Isle of Man	4.2	-	4	39	c	Tiree	4.4	-	5	41	b
Jersey	0.2	0.12	11	52	c	Torquay	X				
Knloss	2.3	0.01	3	37	sn	Tynemouth	5.7	0.20	3	37	b
Leeds	4.8	-	3	37	b	Ventnor	-	0.10	4	39	r
Lerwick	X					West-s-mare	X				
Lauchars	3.5	-	4	39	b	Weymouth	-	0.21	5	41	r
Littlehmpton	-	0.07	3	37	r	*These are Tuesday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	14	57	s	Dublin	4	39	r	Malaga	20	68	f
Alicetd	17	63	f	Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Malta	17	63	s
Alex'dria	17	63	c	Faro	17	63	s	Melb'rne	21	70	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Florence	11	52	f	Mexico C	22	72	s
Amst'dm	1	34	f	Frankfurt	3	37	c	Miami	27	81	c
Athens	15	59	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Milan	5	41	r
Bahrain	23	73	f	Geneva	5	41	r	Montreal	-7	19	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Gibraltar	17	63	f	Moscow	-6	21	s
Barbados	28	82	f	Helsinki	-9	16	s	Munich	11	52	s
Barcelona	17	63	f	Hong K	21	70	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Beirut	14	57	f	Innsbruck	10	50	s	Naples	14	57	s
Belgrade	4	39	s	Istanbul	8	46	f	N Delhi	18	64	s
Berlin	-3	27	f	Jeddah	26	79	s	N York	8	46	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Jo'burg	20	68	c	Nice	10	50	f
Borde'x	14	57	f	Karachi	27	81	s	Oslo	-4	25	s
Brussels	3	37	f	L Palmas	20	68	s	Paris	8	46	r
Budapest	-1	30	c	Le Tquet	3	37	f	Peking	3	37	f
B Aires	32	90	f	Lisbon	14	57	f	Perth	31	88	f
Cairo	20	68	f	Locarno	6	43	c	Prague	-2	28	sn
Cape Tn	31	88	s	L Angels	16	61	s	Reykjavik	3	37	s
Chicago	-3	27	c	Luxembg	7	45	f	Rhodes	16	61	s
Cologne	3	37	c	Lusor	22	72	f	Rio de J	33	91	f
C'phagn	0	32	sn	Madrid	11	52	f	Riyadh	24	75	s
Corfu	14	57	s	Majorca	19	66	f	Rome	15	59	f
Salzburg	11	52	s
S Frisco	9	48	s
Santiago	27	81	s
S Paulo	32	90	f
Seoul	2	36	s
Sing'por	33	90	f
St'kholm	-4	25	sn
Strasbg'g	7	45	c
Sydney	27	81	s
Tangier	17	63	f
Tel Aviv	12	54	r
Tenerife	21	70	s
Tokyo	9	48	f
Toronto	-6	21	s
Tunis	21	70	s
Valencia	19	66	f
Vanc'ver	4	39	r
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Wash'ton	10	50	s
Zurich	6	43	s

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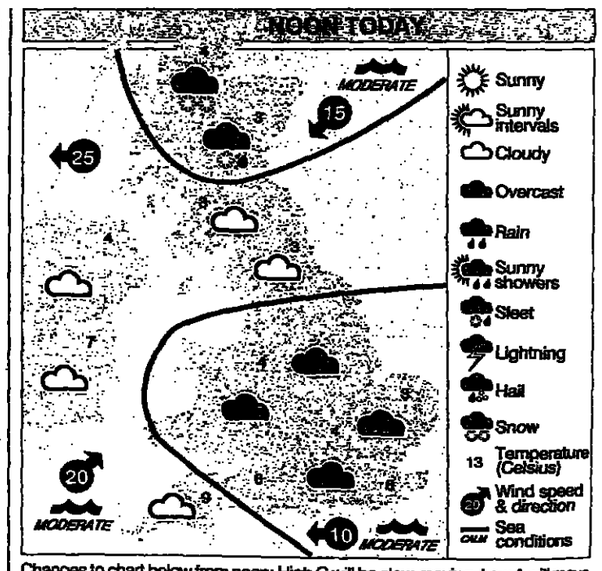
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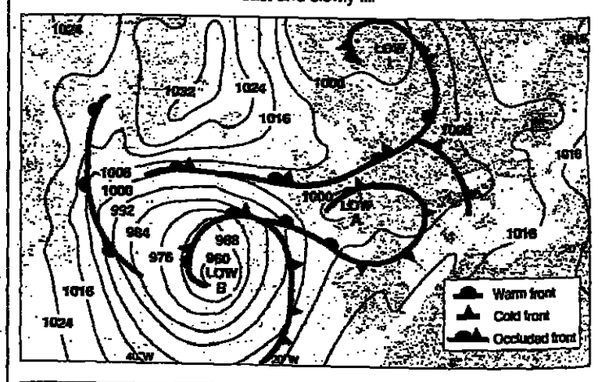
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NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: High G will be slow-moving. Low A will move east and lose its identity. Low B will move north and slowly fill. Low I will move east and slowly fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.10	6.31	12.39	6.61	Liverpool	8.55	8.80	10.20	8.98
Aberdeen			12.09	4.05	Lowestoft	8.24	2.25	8.21	2.43
Avonmouth	5.42	12.43	6.12	12.69	Margate	10.48	4.38	11.03	4.57
Belfast	9.37	3.29	10.08	3.13	Milford Haven	4.49	6.39	5.16	6.53
Cardiff	5.27	11.52	5.57	11.76	Newquay	3.42	6.4	4.08	6.6
Devonport	4.22	5.1	4.50	5.1	Oban	4.36	3.6	5.07	3.7
Dover	9.38	6.03	10.06	6.29	Penzance	3.24	5.2	3.50	5.2
Falmouth	3.52	4.9	4.20	4.9	Portland	5.20	1.8	5.57	1.8
Glasgow	11.32	4.6			Portsmouth	9.55	4.4	10.29	4.6
Harwich	10.35	3.61	10.55	3.66	Shoreham	9.47	5.85	10.15	6.3
Holyhead	9.04	5.25	9.26	5.27	Southampton	9.38	4.21	10.09	4.35
Hull	5.00	6.69	5.13	6.88	Swansea	4.58	8.76	5.21	8.88
Ilfracombe	4.34	8.35	5.02	8.59	Tees	2.30	4.81	2.35	5.09
King's Lynn	5.05	5.9	5.19	6.30	Witon-on-Nze	10.28	3.86	10.48	3.90
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NatWest up 169% as bad debts recede

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

■ **National Westminster managed a large leap in profits despite suspected provisions against Tiphook and Queens Moat Houses. The dividend increase disappointed**

PROFITS of National Westminster Bank for last year received a 169 per cent lift, to £989 million, thanks to a dramatic reduction in bad-debt provisions.

Bad-debt provisions fell by 30 per cent, from £1.8 billion to £1.26 billion.

The bank estimates that £7.2 billion of its loan book is at risk, or 4.7 per cent of total assets, down from £7.5 billion, or 4.8 per cent.

The rapid fall in bad-debt provision in the first half of the year slowed in the second.

Derek Wanless, NatWest chief executive, said the bank had little problem with large corporate bad debt in the first half, but "saw some larger problems in the second half".

The bank is thought to have needed to make provisions against exposure to Queens Moat Houses and Tiphook.

Richard Goeltz, finance director, said that NatWest made a "small and prudent" provision against the likely cost of possible compensation payments to pensions clients who left occupational schemes. The bank has a market share of about 5 per cent. Its provision is thought to be less than £10 million.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman, said that the bank has "begun a period of solid progress which will enable us to achieve steady, real growth in dividends whilst also building capital for well-chosen business development."

The dividend was up 6 per cent, to 18.5p, lower than some analysts had expected and behind the higher increases from TSB and Lloyds Bank.

Lord Alexander welcomed the return to profit in the UK branch business, which made £180 million, against losses of £137 million in 1992. The improvement "came entirely through a reduction in provisions", he said. They fell from £1.26 billion to £857 million.

Mr Wanless said that reductions in bad debts will remain a primary driver of profit improvement for the domestic retail business. He said that loan demand remained weak and "we do not expect volumes to increase all that quickly".

NatWest Markets profits rose from £232 million to £453 million after bad debts fell 29 per cent, from £128 million to £91 million. Mr Wanless said that its historical heavy dependence on treasury operations was reduced by rapid earnings growth in capital markets, equities and ventures.

US retail operations' profits rose to £184 million, from £89 million, aided by improved asset quality and diversification of income streams.

International businesses made £331 million, against £183 million. Of this, Lombard North Central, the finance house subsidiary, contributed £177.8 million, up from £115.8 million for the 15 months to December 1992. Lombard's improvement came from the rise in economic confidence, which helped demand for its products. The bank made a £159 million provision for leaving retail banking in France and Australia.

The dramatic rise in NatWest's profits prompted the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union and the NatWest staff association to call for the bank to pay more attention to customers and staff.

NatWest has already said that it plans to shed about 4,200 jobs this year. Job numbers have come down by 17,500 since their peak of 109,000 in 1989. Last year, 3,800 jobs went and 130 branches were closed.

Lord Alexander said that branch reduction is steady and continuing. Mr Wanless said that branches will still be important in delivering services to UK retail customers, but customers' need to visit branches had declined, partly because of technology.

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Florida-bound with millions to spend

PETER TRIEVNOR



JOHN Cahill, departing chairman of BAe, yesterday denied suggestions that he was forced out of the job by a "defence mafia" and defended his performance, which netted him a £3.2 million pay-off for less than two years' work (Martin Waller writes).

Mr Cahill, a Florida resident, said his resignation earlier this month "was my decision and my decision alone". He refused to discuss his compensation.

There has been talk of friction between Mr Cahill and other board members, chiefly Dick Evans, the chief executive. But the chairman said: "The job that I came here to do has largely been accomplished." Mr Cahill, pictured at a press conference yesterday, added that he would also be resigning in May from the board of BTR, where he had been chief executive until his arrival at BAe.

He said: "I have worked for 48 years — I now might take a few weeks off."

BAe seeks joint venture partners

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BRITISH Aerospace is seeking joint venture partners for its defence and regional aircraft businesses, the two main wholly owned areas of activity remaining after the sale of Rover to BMW.

Dick Evans, the chief executive, said a deal to merge the regional aircraft business was "firmly in our sights", although he did not expect it to be concluded in 1994. BAe wants partners for its regional jets side, after the failure of talks with Taiwan, and its turboprops business.

While Mr Evans denied rumours that BAe was in talks with GEC, its partner on several defence projects, to merge the defence sides, he accepted that the "way forward" for the division was via joint ventures.

BAe was announcing its third year of losses. At the pre-tax level, a loss of £1.2 billion in 1992, including £1 billion of reorganisation costs, was cut to £237 million in the year to December 31 after £308 million of exceptional items.

BAe shares, however, closed 9p higher at 549p as the market took heart from encouraging comments about future trading and a final dividend of 5p, up 1p, to raise the total by 19 per cent.

Two features of last year were the swing into unspecified profitability of the Airbus Industrie joint venture and a move into the black before interest payments of £56 million by Rover, after losses of £49 million in 1992.

John Cahill, the outgoing chairman, said: "1993 and the beginning of 1994 have witnessed a positive sea change in the fortunes of BAe." Before exceptional items BAe managed profits of £71 million, a sharp turnround from equivalent losses of £186 million in 1992. "There is a culture change in BAe from cost-plus to cost-conscious," he added.

The defence division saw little change in profits at the pre-interest level, down £7 million at £345 million, although the order book rose by a quarter to £8.8 billion. Commercial aircraft, helped by Airbus, halved losses from £337 million to £162 million. Included in 1993's one-off items was £250 million to cover the expected costs arising from aircraft finance provided by BAe or third parties for turboprop aircraft.

Mr Cahill defended the Rover sale: "Rover will stay in the country, at Cowley and Longbridge, manufacturing motor cars for as long as they are competitive."

☐ Rover shopfloor workers have received a £2.6 million recognition for the return to profit and 9 per cent increase in sales of £100 each.

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Soros loses $600m on yen gamble

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

GEORGE Soros lost about $600 million last week, when the yen suddenly jumped against the dollar — a loss that exceeded the profits he made on any single day of his speculation against the pound in 1992.

The revelation of the loss came amid intense market speculation that some of the big American hedge funds that modeled their operations on Mr Soros's flagship Quantum Fund had suffered enormous losses this year in the yen and in Japanese and European bonds.

Stanley Druckenmiller, the manager of the Quantum Fund and the man who makes most of the key strategic investment decisions at Soros Fund Management, confirmed yesterday that the firm's losses on February 14 amounted to about $600 million and were "certainly bigger" than its gains on Black Wednesday. He said the main losses resulted from its expectation of a fall in the yen against the dollar. However, he said its short position in the yen against the dollar was only about $8 billion.

Mr Druckenmiller said the firm had made a strategic reassessment of Japan some time ago, concluding that the Japanese economy would strengthen this year and that rising output would reduce Japan's trade surplus and drive the yen down.

Although Soros lost more last week than it made on Black Wednesday alone, Mr Druckenmiller said much of the firm's $1 billion profits in 1992 came in the weeks after Black Wednesday. He also noted that Quantum had made good some of its losses in the past week. For 1994 as a whole, the fund was down only 2.7 per cent.

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IoD says UK needs to be more enterprising

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN is suffering from an "enterprise deficit" that is restricting restoration of its economic fortunes, the Institute of Directors said yesterday.

In a consultative document on the the role of companies and directors, the IoD said that, in the wake of the 1992 report of the Cadbury enquiry on corporate governance, much of the debate had focused on the accountability and integrity of directors.

Lord Young of Graffham, the IoD president, said that, in stressing enterprise as the key to economic prosperity, as well as integrity, the institute was proposing a "realignment" of the Cadbury report. He said: "Enterprise without integrity is the motto of the Mafia. Integrity without enterprise was probably the credo of the nationalised industries. What we actually need is a combination of both enterprise and integrity."

The IoD said that the "enterprise deficit" required more new small businesses to be established and required more existing private companies and their subsidiaries to grow as a counterpoint to the excessive focus on highly successful, but numerically few, public companies. Although integrity among companies and directors was necessary for success, it was not sufficient on its own. Directors also had to provide the enterprise without which companies could not be developed and could not thrive.

On executive pay, the IoD said that objectivity and openness were essential in the determination of directors' pay and benefits. Good entrepreneurial performance should be rewarded, and bad performance should not.

The institute said: "There should be no big pay-offs for failure. Arrangements such as three-year rolling contracts are inappropriate because of the obligation to pay compensation for loss of office which may be excessive after unsatisfactory performance."

The primary role of directors, the document said, was to set the strategic role of the company, to ensure its implementation through executive management, to monitor that management and to provide information for those entitled to receive it.

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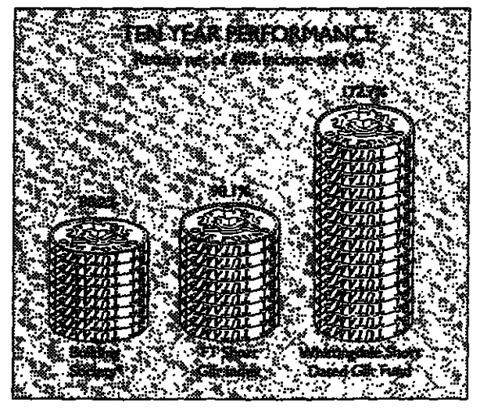
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Funds neglect voting duty

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

TOO few pension funds exercise their right to vote at company shareholders' meetings, Angus Matheson, the chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds' investment committee, said.

He told the association's annual investment conference, in Eastbourne, that pension funds should be made to vote at meetings. At the moment, fewer than half of pension funds exercised their right to vote, though they collectively controlled a third of the equity market.

Mr Matheson said: "Trustees have a responsiblity for all the assets of their pension fund. The voting rights of shares have a value and trustees should administer that asset, just as they do any other asset."

He was keen to encourage a better dialogue between pension funds and the companies in which they held stakes. "If companies know that pension funds are looking at the issues that are being brought forward at meetings, the companies themselves may consider the style and approach in greater detail".

Mr Matheson underlined the importance for institutional investors of participation as shareholders. "The laissez faire attitudes adopted by many companies are largely a thing of the past and shareholders are certainly more conscious of the need to participate."

VAT will wipe out price benefits, warns Ofgas

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's imposition of VAT on domestic fuel will wipe out the benefit of lower gas prices experienced since privatisation, the gas industry regulator said yesterday.

The Office of Gas Supply said prices had fallen by about 20 per cent in real terms since privatisation in 1986. But in its annual report, it said the imposition of VAT on gas at 8 per cent in April and at 17.5 per cent next year "will largely negate the benefits of lower gas prices which consumers have enjoyed since privatisation".

The warning from Ofgas about the impact of VAT struck an unusually political note from a body sponsored by the Government. While acknowledging that the issue of VAT on gas was outside its remit, the regulator said it would ensure that gas customers receive "sympathetic treatment where hardship is involved", as well as good value for money.

Clare Spottiswoode, Ofgas director-general, said Ofgas would continue its role of maintaining downward pressure on prices, although she thought price reductions brought about by regulation had now gone about as far as they could, and greater competition under the forthcoming gas act was "essential to bring additional benefits to consumers".

Complaints and inquiries received by Ofgas last year rose slightly to 1,842 from 1,827, with 45 per cent in the South East. The rate of decline in the number of disconnections fell a little, from 16,991 in 1992 to 16,367 last year — 0.1 per cent of all domestic credit gas customers.

But Ofgas praised British Gas for "significant achievement" in developing and improving its service to customers, so that "from top to bottom British Gas has adopted quality of service to its customers as a core activity".

Relations between the company and Ofgas have been severely strained, but the regulator said this "robust relationship" had been a catalyst for change: "British Gas has decided to work with, rather than against, the regulator."

Accepting that there would and should continue to be tensions between the two organisations, Ofgas said the decision of the British Gas board to welcome the competition announced by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and to split into five business units "means that on many fronts we both have the same strategic aims".

On the energy-efficient use of gas, the regulator made clear its distance from the Energy Saving Trust, which is to help the Government meet its target to reduce CO_2 emissions agreed at the Rio environmental summit in 1992. Ofgas warned that neither it as a regulator nor Gas had any statutory environmental duties. To raise £250 million a year to pay for energy-efficient schemes would require a levy of 4 per cent on all gas customers: Ms Spottiswoode says Ofgas has clear legal advice that if raising such a levy increases prices it would be illegal.

She said that Ofgas and the DTI would soon publish a joint consultation document on the details of introducing competition in the gas industry.



Clare Spottiswoode, of Ofgas, will continue with downward pressure on prices

Heseltine woos maker of green Swatch car

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

MICHAEL Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has persuaded Nicolas Hayek, whose popular, low-cost Swatches restored the fortunes of the Swiss watch industry, to consider Britain as a production base for the Swatchmobile, an environment-friendly two-seater car.

Mr Hayek, who on Tuesday secured for his Swatchmobile project the backing of Daimler-Benz, the German industrial group owning Mercedes, the carmaker, told *The Times* that he can now take up Mr Heseltine's invitation to look at sites in Britain.

Mr Heseltine wrote on November 30 to Mr Hayek, who has been working on the Swatchmobile since 1990. Mr Heseltine was following up a letter from Tim Sainsbury, the trade minister, last July.

Yesterday, Mr Heseltine said: "I am always looking out for ways in which to encourage companies to innovate and invest in Britain. I don't pretend to judge the merits of different projects, but the climate for the entrepreneur in the UK has never been better."

Mr Hayek, a mathematician convinced that Europe can match the Far East in low-cost high-quality engineering, said that he expects to have the first two-seater car on sale by late 1996, with prices ranging between £5,000 and £7,000, depending on the trim. Engine options will be all-electric, low-emission petrol-driven, or a combination of the two.

Mr Hayek, head of Suisse Microelectronique et d'Horologerie, the company that makes the Swatch, said that he had received many blank cheques for the first cars.

The Swatchmobile would plug the small-car gap in the Mercedes range. Tuesday's co-operation agreement relates to design, manufacture and marketing. Mr Hayek had planned to build the car with Volkswagen, but a deal fell through last year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Gilts auction survives bond market nerves

DEMAND at yesterday's government gilts auction suffered from recent jitters in world bond markets but the market still ended the day in healthy shape as equilibrium returned to German bunds and US Treasuries. The £2.5 billion auction of 7 per cent stock due 2001 was covered by a reasonable 1.48 times, but the long tail — the difference between the highest and lowest accepted bids — indicated that demand was patchy. A long tail suggests that the Bank of England had to accept a wide range of bids, including low priced ones, to get the stock away. The tail yesterday was 6 basis points compared with an average of 1 basis points for the last five auctions.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "This was a pretty mediocre auction but the timing of it was quite fortunate with other bond markets settling down a little after the recent volatility." Gilt prices fell in initial reaction to the auction details but recovered to end only marginally lower. Economic View, page 27

Car talks resume

THE European Union has resumed talks to curb car imports from Japan on the assumption that new car sales in the EU will not grow this year. Martin Bangemann, EU Industry Commissioner, predicted sales would grow by hardly 1 per cent in 1994. The 1991 EU and Japanese agreement limits car exports into the union until end-1999. Last September the two sides agreed that Japan's 1993 exports should be cut back 18.5 per cent over the 1992 figure because car sales in the EU dropped 15.9 per cent last year. The remarks imply that the EU will be pressing Japan not to increase car exports in 1994.

Iraq in oil sanction plea

IRAQ'S oil minister said Opec member countries were losing $100 million a day as a result of low oil prices. Dr Safa' Hadi Jawad called for joint action by oil-producing countries to control production in order to push up oil prices to acceptable levels. He argued for the lifting of the UN economic embargo to stabalise both the market and prices. Meanwhile, an Iraqi oil delegation is to visit Paris to hold official talks with French companies on oil co-operation. The visit comes in response to an official invitation by French oil companies. "Our delegation will complete discussions that started earlier between the two sides," the minister said.

Smith jury sent to hotel

AN Old Bailey jury trying Wallace Smith, the banking tycoon accused of fraud, was last night sent to an hotel after failing to reach verdicts. The seven women and five men have been told by the prosecution that the Canadian-born former head of City-based Wallace Smith Trust master-minded a sophisticated £100 million fraud. Mr Smith, 59, of West Tistead, Hampshire, who denies fraudulent trading, false accounting, deception and theft, did not give evidence, but said through counsel that he was "badly misled" by a colleague over debts, resulting in an "enormous" accounting mistake. Jurors will resume their deliberations today.

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HIGHLIGHTS

	12 months 1993 Unaudited	12 months 1992 Restated
Total premium income	£5,970m	£5,572m
Operating profit before taxation and loss on termination of activities	£218m	£31m
Operating profit after taxation and loss on termination of activities *(note 1)*	£188m	£16m
Profit attributable to shareholders *(note 2)*	£321m	£229m
Operating profit per share *(note 3)*	31.4p	2.0p
Dividend per share *(note 3)*	24.85p	22.63p

Notes: 1. *A loss of £7m was incurred in terminating unprofitable activities (1992 restated £7m).*
2. *The profit attributable to shareholders includes realised investment gains after taxation of £133m (1992 £213m).*
3. *The 1992 dividend and operating profit per share have been adjusted for the effects of the 1993 rights issue and the enhanced scrip dividend.*

The dividend for the year of 24.85p (1992 restated 22.63p) represents the interim dividend of 15.10p and the proposed final dividend of 9.75p. The final dividend will be paid on 17 May 1994 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 10 March 1994 and will cost £55m (1992 £68m). Shareholders will be offered the choice of receiving fully paid ordinary shares, rather than cash, in respect of all or part of the final dividend and details will be circulated to shareholders on 24 March 1994.

This announcement does not constitute full group accounts for the year. Copies of the full group accounts, which have not yet been reported on by the auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 24 March 1994 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 19 April 1994. Members of the public may obtain copies of the accounts after 24 March by writing to the Shareholder Relations Service, at the address below, or by telephoning 071-283 7500 ext. 28866.

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☐ TV bid goes to the wire ☐ IoD eyes on the boardroom ☐ Shareholders first at BAe

MAM's the word at Granada

☐ D-DAY looms for LWT and Granada. A classic corporate power play which, come Friday's 3.30 deadline, will have run for 81 days.

Granada's £750 million takeover bid for LWT is quite a sizeable piece of rationalisation, as was Carlton's similar expenditure on Central TV. Carlton's Michael Green secured a recommendation, chairman Alex Bernstein and chief executive Gerry Robinson, at Granada, did not. On the contrary, their opposite numbers, Sir Christopher Bland and Greg Dyke, have defended with a passion. Laudable, bearing in mind that LWT's executives, with 10 per cent of the action, stand to gross £75 million should Friday's vote go Granada's way. Bland's share of this would be around £13 million; Dyke having to make do with £8.5 million.

Arguments are well documented. Granada insists that big is beautiful and, in a deregulated climate, LWT will not possess the muscle to compete with the media combines now in the making. Bland & Co do not entirely dispute this. Their perspective is that Granada is first and foremost a conglomerate, rather than a media company. Television rental and motorway meal places are, they argue, mere distractions.

That said, a few erratic acts have crept into LWT's defence. Attempts to create an amalgam with Yorkshire-Tyne Tees failed; primarily because Anglia, perceived as a potential purchaser of Tyne Tees, had better things to do. Such as wait for an agreed bid from MAI. Talk of US white knights came to nowt. Rabbits out of the hat of the Tommy Cooper variety.

Then again, LWT's management can (and do) point to a genuinely magical track record. Bland's favourite statistic being a 66 per cent per annum compound rate of return to shareholders during the four years to end-December last.

Robinson (an accountant) is unimpressed and promises that major benefits will flow from rationalisation (industry's polite word for redundancies).

In the event, the future of LWT will be decided by relatively few institutions. Granada started with a 17.5 per cent stake and now holds some 20 per cent. Bland and his executives hold 10 per cent, while institutions closely associated with LWT, such as Warburg Pincus and Sableknight, hold close on 11 per cent, with a further 3.6 per cent locked in LWT's employee share scheme. This 14 per cent is not guaranteed to support LWT, but well might. Small shareholders hold a mere 3 per cent which leaves City fund managers with 53 per cent. Mercury Asset Management (with 15 per cent of LWT and 16 per cent of Granada) is the principal player, followed by Fidelity, AMP and Postel.

The arithmetic suggests that Granada may pull it off but that is not to say that they *should*. With LWT's shares now standing at 727p, compared with Granada's terms of 753.6p, it will go to the wire.

New image, old message

☐ CORPORATE governance usually has practical business leaders reaching either for their best public piousness or — more likely — their waste-baskets. Yesterday's consultative paper on the issue from the Institute of Directors is a clear attempt in the wake of the Cadbury report to take the debate away from focusing on directors' accountability and integrity.



Lord Young, its president, says that what the institute is doing is a "realignment" of Cadbury.

The IoD itself basked under a new corporate logo, which at a cost of only £60,000 makes the 'D' in its acronym bigger, to stress its own focus on 'Directors. New logo or not, the IoD will have an uphill struggle on its hands.

Not just because most companies find the Cadbury debate either incomprehensible or irrelevant — both, usually — but because the scandals which led to Cadbury being established still leave a stain that will take more than an IoD realignment to wash out. Such corporate scandals as Maxwell, specifically cited by the IoD itself yesterday, are continuing to unwind.

Lord Young and the IoD is clearly right to lay the stress on enterprise, as well as integrity, as a central point for business growth and the economic recovery. Whether the "enterprise gap" that the IoD claims actually exists is open to argument, given the rate of growth of both new businesses and self-employment.

But some of the institute's key propositions for the role and function of companies and their directors are a little hard to take. Though it may well reflect its own market niche as representing company directors, the IoD's claim that "the prosperity of society as a whole depends on the enterprise and integrity of directors" is both ludicrously self-important and arrogantly dismissive of the other stakeholders in a company — shareholders, employees, suppliers and, most important of all, customers.

In its paper, the institute at least does not avoid the area of corporate governance that most irks the public — executive pay rises. While the IoD says that there should be no big pay-offs for failure, and that the relationship between directors' earnings and company performance should be direct and understandable, it wholly fails to address the level of executive pay rises in comparison with those in the rest of the economy, which the Prime Minister at one stage had the courage to describe as unacceptable. No longer, more's the pity.

Divvying up the divi

☐ INVESTORS in British Aerospace will be delighted to learn that, as the difficult decision on dividend payments comes around each year, their "income requirements" are at the forefront of the board's mind. But the board, in its considerations, must walk a difficult tightrope and also consider "the need to rebuild reserves".

Happily, directors have decided that raising last year's final payment despite the third consecutive year of pre-tax losses "is consistent with these twin objectives". It must have been a hard decision to reach, not least because it flies in the face of all reason. The £52 million cost of the 1993 dividend payment merely served to swell the amount paid out of reserves to £266 million, which hardly fits the normal dictionary definition of "rebuilding".

BAe would argue, with some justification, that this year's losses have been swollen by one-off items. True; but exceptional items are beginning to look like regular events at BAe, and more can presumably be expected this year once the final sums are done on the sale of the corporate jets business and of Rover.

BAe has whipped its balance sheet into better shape, and the firm announcement in due course of one of the much-needed joint ventures will also build confidence. But yesterday's share price rise has more to do with that unjustified hike in the dividend payment. LWT may be fighting its corner with Granada on the grounds that the business must not be allowed to succumb because of City short-termism, but elsewhere in Britain plc there are plenty of boards happy to plump for a bit of short-termism themselves — and a one-way ticket in the cargo hold to Taiwan for the first person to mention executive share options.

Hanson cuts debt with US flotation

BY CARL MORTISHED

HANSON has taken a mouthful out of its £3.3 billion of debt with the launch yesterday in America of the $158 million flotation of Beazer Homes USA and the disposal by Hanson Industries of 220 acres of land in Hawaii.

Together, the deals will net $232 million for Hanson and anticipates the flotation of Beazer Homes in the UK, whose pathfinder prospectus is launched today.

Analysts say the flotation of Beazer in Britain could raise some £400 million for Hanson. The entire British arm of Beazer is to be sold, but Hanson is keeping a 33 per cent stake in Beazer USA.

The sale of two thirds of the American Beazer shares, plus the placing of $115 million in senior notes, will yield a net $184 million to Hanson. Beazer Homes USA builds family homes in the southeast and southwest of the United States and is one of only six American housebuilders with operations in at least nine states.

The Hawaiian property has been sold to Schuler Homes and comprises two parcels on Oahu that came into Hanson's ownership when it acquired Kaiser Cement in 1986.

Schuler is also buying the stock of the Lokelani Property company and the work in progress on the site.

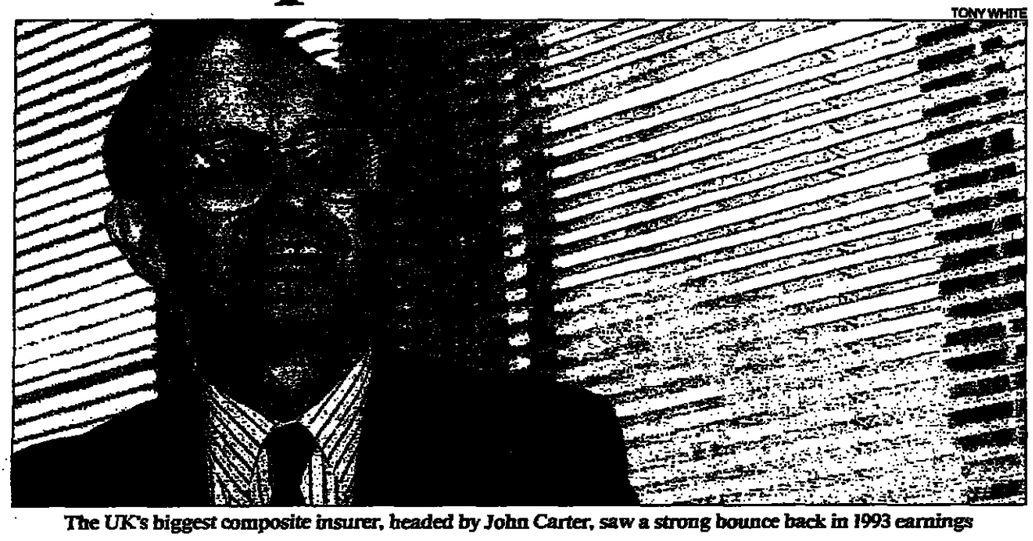
Buoyant CU brushes aside jitters on premium rates

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

COMMERCIAL Union, the UK's largest composite insurer, tried to brush aside market fears that UK premium rates were on the decline as it announced an increase in pre-tax profits, and in the dividend, at the top end of market expectations.

Profits for 1993 climbed from £31 million to £218 million and the dividend advanced 2 per cent, to 24.85p; the rise was 10 per cent, excluding bonus shares issued last year. The shares fell 8p, to 616p; that followed a 9p fall on Tuesday, when Guardian Royal Exchange triggered fears that the UK insurance cycle was beginning to turn.

Peter Ward, an executive director at CU, said: "We see no evidence, other than in private motor, that we are on the verge of entering a rate-cutting environment." CU, of which John Carter is chief executive, emphasised that while 1993 had seen private motor premiums fall and domestic household premiums remain flat, double-figure rate increases had been achieved in the commercial lines businesses. This, Mr Ward said, was evidence that the cycle was not turning, though he admitted that the £1.9 billion of new corporate capacity at Lloyd's of London had had an impact on rates towards the year end.


TONY WHITE

The UK's biggest composite insurer, headed by John Carter, saw a strong bounce back in 1993 earnings

However, the City believes differently. John Chester, an analyst at SG Warburg, said: "When one type of business starts moving, others follow it. And, invariably, the first to move are domestic motor rates." Mr Chester thought CU was best placed to handle competition among insurers. Having expanded when rates were rising, it was big enough to keep rates high while rivals undercut it, losing business but maintaining margins.

The general insurance business made pre-tax profits of £99 million, after three years of losses; the loss last time was £87 million. CU's life operation, the biggest among the composites, added £1 million to profits, to make £119 million. In the UK, life profits rose by £2 million, to £48 million, while general insurance profits leapt from £13 million to £120 million, despite £21 million in payouts after the Bishopsgate bomb last April. In the US, profits rose from £57 million to £65 million, helped by an £8 million rise in general insurance profits, to £55 million. Mr Ward said there had been some limited rate increases in the US; a further hardening was expected. In The Netherlands, life profits rose £5 million, to £70 million; the non-life business fell to break-even, from a £13 million profit.

Shareholders' funds advanced to a record £2.53 billion, up from £1.5 billion, buoyed by last year's £428 million rights issue. Investment income increased from £325 million to £363 million.

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CBI blames rising state pay bills for tax increases

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders yesterday blamed rising public-sector paybills for a substantial part of the Government's need to increase taxes, which industry sees as a threat to economic recovery.

Calling on public-sector managers to change their practices in order to operate the paybill freeze that it originally proposed, the Confederation of British Industry said that managers would need to take a much more innovative approach if they were to remain within the freeze.

Publishing a detailed guide on how a paybill freeze should be operated in practice, the CBI said that the increase during the recession in central government paybills from 13 per cent of gross domestic product to 14.2 per cent restricted the Government's ability and willingness to take necessary anti-recessionary measures, such as providing tax relief or capital investment in public projects.

The CBI's report, which was prepared with Hay Management Consultants, identified three principal directions for change by public-sector managers. These are: moving to decentralised pay bargaining, introducing performance-based pay systems and bringing in more flexible working arrangements.

The CBI noted that public-sector paybill growth has been "almost exclusively" controlled by wage settlement levels rather than manpower changes, and said that employee numbers in the public sector "have not declined as perhaps might have been expected".

Accepting that such a policy might seem "perverse" with unemployment at 2.8 million, the CBI said that jobs might not be an issue in relation to the paybill freeze if the private sector expanded sufficiently to absorb any jobs lost in the public sector.

The CBI said, too, that only 26 per cent of private-sector employees now prefer their pay to be settled by collective bargaining between management and trade unions.

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, adopted virtually in full the CBI's suggestion of a standstill on public-sector paybills — comprising total spending on pay and other labour-related costs, including pensions, redundancy payments and national insurance — when he announced, in the Budget, a paybill freeze for all 5.5 million public-sector workers until 1997.

Spurs down at half-time

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

ELEVEN per cent was wiped off the value of Tottenham Hotspur, the publicly quoted football club, after it revealed that interim pre-tax profits had slumped to £644,000, from £3.28 million, and it was passing the dividend.

Shares in Spurs, which is close to the Premier Division's relegation zone, dipped 10p, to 82p, as Alan Sugar, the chairman, blamed the profits slump on mixed fortunes in the football transfer market.

Profits in the six months to November 30 were hit by an £885,000 loss on the sale of Gordon Durie to Glasgow Rangers, he said; last time's earnings had been boosted by a large profit on the sale of Paul Gascoigne to Italy's Lazio. The latest figures were also hit by the costs of last summer's litigation against Terry Venables, Tottenham's former chief executive who is now England manager, Mr Sugar added.

Tottenham is attempting to recover these costs. At the operating level, Mr Sugar said, profits rose 13 per cent, to £275,000, against £242,000 last time. Mr Sugar, who also heads Amstrad, the consumer electronics company, said the merchandising arm had also returned to the black.

The chairman said the board was aware that the team's performance was pivotal in making a success of the company's peripheral activities. He said the "unprecedented number of injuries" was responsible for the team's predicament: when key players returned, performances would improve.

Mr Sugar said Tottenham would soon start on the £6 million rebuilding of the south stand at the White Hart Lane stadium, to comply with the Taylor report on ground safety. Earnings per share in the first half fell to 2.7p (19.2p). Last year, shareholders received a special interim dividend of 3p.

☐ A bid by Tottenham to wind up Edennote, one of Terry Venables's companies, was adjourned until April 13 at the High Court yesterday.

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Sears sells satellite racing stake

SEARS, the Selfridges to Dolcis retail group, has sold its 12.7 per cent stake in Satellite Information Services, the satellite television racing service and betting shops group, for £10 million (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The shareholding has been acquired by MAI and Racal Electronics, both existing shareholders in SIS. MAI has bought 10.5 per cent of Sears' stake, lifting its holding to 17.5 per cent. Racal has acquired the remaining 2.2 per cent.

Sears is set to make £9.8 million on the deal, which will appear as a credit in the group's 1994-95 accounts.

Summer flotation for 3i

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE on-off flotation of 3i, the venture capital company, is back on again for this summer, after Budget changes that forced 3i and its seven bank shareholders to rethink their plans, and the emergence of stronger market conditions.

As a listed investment trust, 3i will pay no corporation tax on realised capital gains. The advantage of this was driven home in the Budget, which changed the treatment of indexation allowances. Capital gains will become substantial as the economy improves and because of the tightening in the use of indexation allowances proposed in the Budget.

The financial advantage to 3i of a stock market listing as an approved investment trust is put at £20 million to £30 million a year. The immediate benefit would be deferred tax of £150 million that it could put into reserves.

The six clearing banks which, with the Bank of England, own 3i, have been considering flotation for ten years. Plans for a listing were twice shelved in 1992. Firmer plans to float 3i at the end of last year were called off last spring after National Westminster and Barclays, which together own 41 per cent of the shares, changed their minds. They felt the company would be sold at too large a discount in recession and that they should wait at least two years.

Ewen Macpherson, 3i's chief executive, said: "Life has moved on in the last few months." The markets appeared to be receptive.

The flotation will probably value the company, which has assets of £1.68 billion, at £1.5 billion. Marketing is thought likely to start in April, with the start of dealing in July. 3i's results for the year to March 31 will be brought forward to the beginning of June or the end of May.

The banks are likely to sell 40 per cent at most of their shares, worth £600 million. 3i is understood not to want more than 40 per cent to be sold; having the high street banks as its biggest shareholders makes it easier and cheaper to raise funds in the wholesale money markets.

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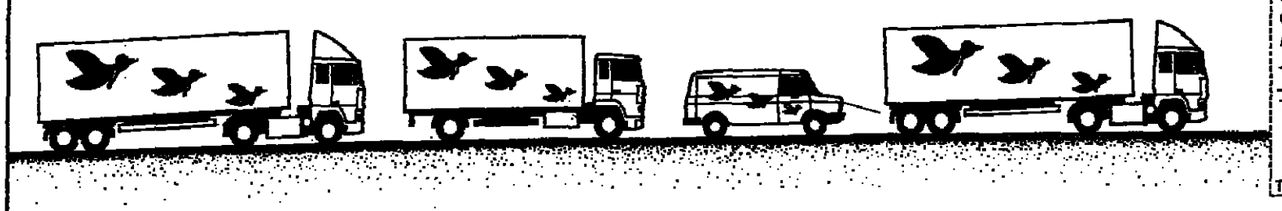
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Chloride holds steady as 95 million shares change hands

CHLORIDE Group, the electronics to batteries group, was a talking point among dealers as 95 million shares were traded, with reports that SSA of Sweden had unloaded its 20 per cent stake through Smith New Court. **Chloride** shares firmed ¼p to 32½p, with Smith said to have done the deal at 32p, supposedly pipping Warburg, which was said to have offered a slightly lower price.

Equities regained some composure after Tuesday's comforting words on US monetary policy from Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman, and satisfactory demand for the government's gilt auction.

The market enjoyed an early fillip after buying of the

STOCK MARKET

March FT-SE futures. A string of relatively positive corporate statements also helped, although worries over the next move on interest rates here and in the US stifled investor demand.

A mixed start on Wall Street trimmed a one-time 21.3 point gain in London but shares ended the day in positive territory. The FT-SE 100 index finished up 8.2 at 3,341.9. Volume reached 822.4 million shares.

British Aerospace's third annual loss in a row was mitigated by an increased dividend and a relatively optimistic statement from John Cahill, chairman. BAe, up 9p to 549p, denied reports of merger talks with GEC, up 2½p at 334p.

Shares in **Rolls-Royce** firmed 2p to 177½p on news from the Asian Aerospace air show in Singapore that the group's joint venture with BMW had been chosen to provide engines to power the MD-95 jet being designed by McDonnell Douglas of the US. The 20,000lb thrust BR715 engine would be certificated for the craft at the end of 1997. The US plane maker says there is a potential market of more than 1,000 MD-95 aircraft.

Results at the lower end of expectations from **National Westmister** disappointed the market. NatWest shares fell 28½p to 503½p. Elsewhere in the banking sector, **Barclays** gave up 10p to 564p, while **Lloyds** added 15p to 599p, boosted by advice from Warburg to switch from NatWest. The insurance sector was in the spotlight again as **Commercial Union** unveiled a jump in full-year profits. But CU shares lost 8p to 616p as analysts raised fears about an insurance price war. Elsewhere, **GRE** eased 2p to 216p, **Sun Alliance** 8p to 353p and **Royal Insurance** 8p to 290p. **General Accident** added 3p to 650p and **Legal & General** 5p to 488p.

Sears gained 4p to 122½p after selling its 12.7 per cent stake in Satellite Information Services to existing shareholders MAI and **Racal** for a £9.8 million profit. MAI eased 1p to 284p, while Racal added 2p to 220p. **Mosaic Investments** jumped 5p to 32p, giving a two-day gain of 11p, on recovery prospects following Tuesday's news that David Williams is rejoining the group as chairman.

J Bibby firmed 3p to 82p after revealing that it had received a conditional offer from **Associated British Foods**, up 1p to 550p, that may lead to the disposal of its agricultrual division.

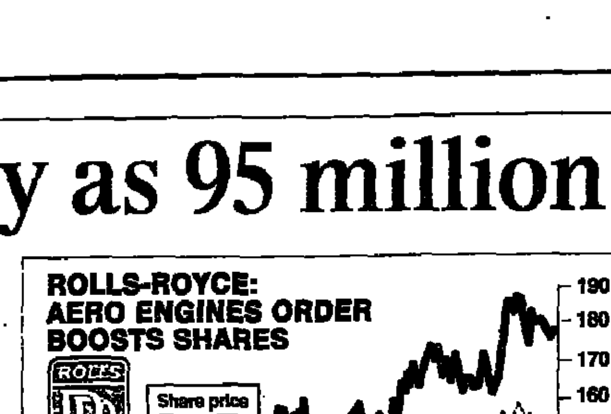
Speculation that the 4.72 per cent stake in **Carrs Milling** disposed of by **Northern Foods** might have been picked up by **Dalgety** in preparation for a bid, saw Carrs add 12p to 209p. Dalgety lost 10p to 467p, while Northern Foods firmed 3p to 229p.

Dawson International, up 7p to 162p, was again in demand on bid rumours. A profits warning sent shares in **British Thornton** 21p lower to 139p. **Tring International** made a healthy debut, rising 21p to 139p, against a flotation price of 118p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** There was relief among dealers after satisfactory demand for the government's £2.5 billion gilt auction. A nervous gilt market dipped £½ before the auction news, but rallied later. The March series of the long gilt future touched £114 26/32, before slipping back to close at £114 17/32, up three ticks. Most cash stocks softened slightly, with medium dated stocks hardest hit as losses stretched to £¼.

☐ **WALL STREET** — Shares were mixed at midday, with pockets of strength in automobile, airline and some high-technology issues. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.44, at 3,903.22.

PHILIP PANGALOS



MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .1.4762 (-0.0027)
German mark ..... 2.5513 (-0.0013)
Exchange index .... 80.6 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT-SE 100 .... 3341.9 (+8.2)
Dow Jones 3903.22 (-8.44)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19341.83 (-0.80)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5 7/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills .. 3.35-3.34%*
Long Bond 6.61%*

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New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4765*	£:$	1.4778
$:DM	1.7287*	£:DM	2.5534
$:SWfr	1.4540*	£:SWfr	2.1473
$:Ffr	5.8755*	£:Ffr	8.6725
$:Yen	105.75*	£:Yen	156.21
£:SDR	1.0609	£:ECU	1.3166

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 377.50 .... PM 375.75
Close 378.20-378.70
New York:
Comex 378.35-378.85*

OIL

Brent Crude... $13.40 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.3 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	1.99
Austria Sch	18.92	17.42
Belgium Fr	55.70	51.30
Canada $	2.093	1.933
Cyprus Cyp£	0.796	0.746
Denmark Kr	10.57	9.77
Finland Mkk	8.85	8.05
France Fr	9.12	8.42
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	390.50	365.50
Hong Kong $	12.10	11.10
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2580.00	2425.00
Japan Yen	170.50	153.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	3.012	2.782
Norway Kr	11.62	10.82
Portugal Esc	269.50	251.00
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.29	11.49
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
Turkey Lira	27343.0	25843.0
USA $	1.580	1.450

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

TransAtlantic dividend steady despite profit rise

By Colin Campbell

TRANSATLANTIC Holdings, the insurance and property group that plans to float its prime shopping-centre interests as a separate company, disappointed the City with an unchanged 1993 total distribution of 12p a share.

The maintained payment, with a 6p a share final dividend that carries a scrip dividend alternative, is made despite a 59 per cent leap in net earnings to 13.24p a share and a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £92.2 million to £110.2 million.

Net asset value rose from 282p to 298p a share, though TransAtlantic says new accounting rules make the disclosed NAV "materially understated" to true worth. The shares fell 9p to 445p.

The earnings jump was partly helped by a reduction to 20 from 34 per cent in the tax charge after the elimination of any charge for Advance Corporation Tax.

Donald Gordon, chairman, reported that Sun Life had shown exceptionally strong growth in the year ended December 31, and new business results had been "outstanding". Competition in the life and pensions market is growing and the UK life sector is "clouded by regulatory issues, with impending tighter regulation, a plethora of regulatory bodies and a high profile review of the personal pensions industry". Mr Gordon says.

Property investment income rose from £68 million to £71 million, though difficult conditions in the commercial property market remain, he said. Income from the Lakeside shopping complex, Thurrock, increased from £15.3 million to £18.8 million.

A prudent view has been taken in providing for bad debts across all the group's centres, TransAtlantic says.

Property investment income in America rose from £5.7 million to £6.8 million, while in Australia, property investment income slipped from £7.5 million to £7.3 million.

The planned float of Capital Shopping Centres will have gross assets of £800 million on listing, and a limited number of shares will be available to TransAtlantic shareholders.

TransAtlantic launched an issue of £250 million of 5½ per cent subordinated converible bonds, 2009, with conversion prices fixed at 505p.



Donald Gordon, chairman, saw leap in net earnings

J Bibby float delayed

J Bibby & Sons has temporarily put on ice plans first announced in November to float off its paper, scientific and agricultural businesses. The decision follows an approach from Associated British Foods, with a conditional offer to buy Bibby's agricultural division.

ABF said there would be logic in absorbing Bibby's agricultural businesses which would complement its own animal feeds interests, "if the right deal at the right price could be struck".

In the 14 weeks to January 1, Bibby's agricultural interests made operating profits of £580,000 compared with £731,000 earned in the 13 weeks to December 26, 1992. Bibby's pre-tax profit for the quarter rose from £1.29 million to £3.46 million. Attributable profit was £1.9 million (£819,000).

Revaluing

United Breweries, in which UB Group, the Indian brewing company, holds a 15.5 per cent stake and has management control, announced it is revaluing its estate and is talking to its banks about "a possible restructuring of its obligations." The British company also disclosed that it is reviewing strategy and acquisition opportunities which could broaden its activities significantly.

Cheaper power

South Western Electricity is the latest regional power company to help offset the imposition of VAT on fuel bills with a round of price cuts. It is reducing tariffs by an overall 2.5 per cent from April 1 and giving domestic customers £4.50 off their next bill after the end of March as well. The move by the Bristol-based company follows similar announcements by Seeboard and Norweb.

WALL STREET

	Feb 23 midday	Feb 22 close
AMP Inc	63¾	63¾
AMR Corp	66¼	65½
Abbott Labs	28½	28¾
Aetna Life	63¾	63¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	18
Air Prod & Chem	48¾	49
Albertson's	28¼	28¼
Alcan Aluminm	22¾	22¾
Alco Standard	55¾	56¼
Allied Signal	78¼	79¾
Alum Co of Am	76	77
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6⅝
Amerada Hess	48¾	48¾
Amer Brands	34¾	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	44⅞	44¼
Amer El Power	33¾	33¾
Amer Express	30¾	30¼
Amer Genl Corp	26½	27
Amer Home Pr	59¾	59¾
Amer Intl	89¾	88¾
Amer Stores	46½	46¼
Amer T & T	53¼	53¾
Ameritech	41¼	41¼
Amoco	52¾	52¾
Anheuser-Busch	49	49¾
Apple Computer	38	37¼
Archer Daniels	26½	26¾
Arkla	8	8
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrng Wrld	58⅝	54¾
Asarco	25¾	25¾
Ashland Oil	41¼	41¼
Atl Richfield	102¾	101⅛
Auto Data Pro	51⅞	52
Avery Dennison	30¾	30⅞
Avon Products	56¾	56
Baker Hughes	19¾	19¾
Baltim Gas & El	22¼	23¾
Banc One	33⅞	32¾
BankAmerica	43¾	43¾
Bank of NY	54¾	53¾
Bankers Tr NY	81⅝	81
Barnett Banks	41⅛	40¾
Bausch & Lomb	51¼	50¾
Baxter Intl	23¾	24
Bectn Dickinsn	39¾	38¾
Bell Atlantic	53	53¾
BellSouth	55	54½
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	45	44½
Boeing	47¾	47¾
Boise Cascade	27¼	27¼
Borden Inc	15⅝	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	56¾
Browning Ferris	28¼	28¼
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	63¾	63¼
CBS	319½	317¾
CNA Financial	79¼	79¾
CPC Intl	48¾	49¾
CSX	90¾	90⅞
Campbell Soup	41	41½
Can Pacific	17¾	17¾
Cptl Cities ABC	690¾	683
Cptl Holdings	34½	34¾
Carolina Pwr	27¾	27¾
Caterpillar	111¼	110¾
Central & SW	27	26¾
Champion Intl	32¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	33¾	33¾
Chemical Bk	37¾	37
Chevron Corp	88¾	88¾
Chrysler	58¾	57¼
Chubb Corp	75¾	76
Cigna Corp	67¼	67¾
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	54¾	54¾
Coastal Corp	31¼	30¾
Coca Cola	42¾	42¾
Colgate-Palmolive	64¼	64¾
Columbia Gas	28¾	29¾
Commonw Ed	26¼	26¾
Compaq Comp	97	95¾
Comp Ass Int	37¾	37¾
Conagra	28	27¾
Cons Edison	29¾	29¾
Cons Nat Gas	43¾	42¾
Cons Rail	63¾	63¾
Cooper Inds	39¾	39¾
Corning Inc	31	30¾
Crown Cork	38¾	38¾
Dana Corp	58	58¾
Dayton Hudson	66½	67¼
Deere	83½	82¾
Delta Air Lines	51¾	51
Deluxe Corp	34¾	34¾
Detroit Edison	27¼	28
Digital Equip	28¾	29
Dillard Dept St	33¾	34¾
Disney (Walt)	47	46
Dominion Res	41¼	41¼
Donelley (RR)	31½	30¾
Dover Corp	61¼	62
Dow Chemical	64	65¾
Dow Jones	40	39¾
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	38¾	38¾
Dun & Bradstreet	61¼	61½
Du Pont	54¾	54¾
Eastman Kodak	41½	42

	Feb 23 midday	Feb 22 close
Eaton Corp	59¾	58¾
Emerson Elec	63¼	65
Engelhard Corp	27¾	27¾
Enron Corp	31½	31¼
Ethyl Corp	18¾	18¾
Exxon	66½	66¼
FMC Corp	49¾	49¾
FPL Group	33¾	33¾
Federal Express	76¾	76¾
Fed Nat Mtge	85¾	85¾
First Chicago	47¼	48
First Interstate	68¾	66¼
First Union Rlty	9¼	9¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33¼
Fluor Corp	45¾	45¾
Ford Motor	65¾	64¾
GTE Corp	31¼	31¼
Gannett	55¾	55¾
Gap Inc Del	45¾	44¾
Gen Dynamics	92¾	92½
Gen Electric	107¾	107¾
Gen Mills	56¾	57
Gen Motors	60¾	59¾
Gen Reinsurance	109¾	108¾
Gen Signal	35	35¾
Genuine Parts	38	38
Georgia Pac	72¾	73¾
Gillette	63¾	62¾
Glaxo ADR	20	19¾
Goodrich (BF)	41½	41½
Goodyear Tire	45½	46¼
Grace (W&R)	44¾	44¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26½	26¼
Great Wstn Fin	17¾	17¾
Halliburton	32	31¼
Harcourt General	36¾	36½
Heinz (HJ)	33¾	33¾
Hercules	116¾	116¾
Hershey Foods	51½	53½
Hewlett Packard	92¼	90¾
Hilton Hotels	73¾	74
Home Depot	40¾	40
Homestake Mng	20¾	20¾
Honeywell	33¾	32¾
Household Intl	35	35¾
Houston Inds	41½	42¼
Humana	20¾	19¼
ITT Corp	98¾	99¾
Illinois Tool	43¼	43¾
INCO	25¾	25¾
Ingersoll Rand	38¾	38¾
Inland Steel	33½	33¼
Intel Corp	68¾	68¾
IBM	53¾	53¾
Intl Flav & Fr	37¼	37¾
Intl Paper	74¾	74½
James River Va	19½	19¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41½	41¼
K Mart	19	18¾
Kellogg	51½	51½
Kerr-McGee	45¼	45½
Kimberly-Clark	56¾	56¾
Knight-Ridder	56¾	56¼
Lilly (Eli)	55¾	55
Limited Inc	18¾	18¼
LIN Brdcstng	114½	114½
Lincoln Nat	40¾	40¾
Litton	68½	68¾
Liz Claiborne	21½	21¼
Lockheed Corp	67¼	67¼
Louisiana Pac	42¾	42¾
MCI Commun	26½	26¾
Marriott Int	29¾	30½
Marsh & McLnn	83¼	83¾
Masco Corp	36¾	36½
May Dept St	42½	42½
Maytag Corp	16½	16¾
McCaw Cellular	51	51½
McDonalds	61¼	60¾
McDonnell D	121¼	122¾
McGraw Hill	70	69¼
Mead Corp	45	44¾
Medtronic	79	79¾
Mellon Bk	55¾	55½
Melville Corp	38¾	38¾
Merck Inc	33	32¼
Merrill Lynch	41½	41½
Minnesota Mine	107¾	107¼
Mobil Corp	80¾	80¾
Monsanto	78¾	78¾
Morgan (JP)	68¾	68¾
Motorola Inc	106	107
Natl Medical	15½	15½
Natl Semi	21¼	21¼
Natl Service Ind	27¾	27¾
Navistar Int	25	25¾
NBD Bancorp	29¾	29¾
NY Times A	27¾	27¾
Newmont Mng	52¾	52
Niag Mohawk	18¼	18½
Nike B	51½	51½
NL Industries	9¾	9
Nordstrom	38¾	36¾
Norfolk Sthrn	70¾	70¾
Nthn State Pwr	41¼	41½
Norwest Corp	24¾	24½
Nynex Corp	37¾	37¼
Occidental Pet	18¼	18¾
Ohio Edison	20¾	20¾
Oracle Systems	34¾	34¼

	Feb 23 midday	Feb 22 close
Oryx Energy Co	18¼	18¼
Owens Corning	40¾	41¼
PNC Financial	28¾	28¼
PPG Industries	77¼	77¼
Paccar Inc	58½	59¼
Pacificorp	17½	17¾
Pac Enterprises	21½	21¼
Pac Gas & Elec	30¾	30¾
Pac Telesis	55¾	55½
Pall Corp	17½	17¼
Panhandle East	23¼	23¼
Paramnt Comm	74¼	74¾
Parker Hannifin	37	36¾
Penney (JC)	55	53½
Pennzoil	54½	54¾
Pepsico	39¼	39¾
Pfizer	58¾	57¼
Phelps Dodge	55¾	55¾
Philadel Elec	29¾	29¼
Philip Morris	58¾	58¾
Phillips Pet	28¼	29¾
Pitney Bowes	44¾	44
Polaroid	31¼	31½
PriceCostco	19	18¾
Procter & Gmbl	58¼	59¾
Pub Serv E & G	30	29¾
Quaker Oats	64¼	64¾
Ralston Purina	44¼	44¾
Raychem Corp	37¼	37¼
Raytheon	61¼	61¼
Reebok Intl	33¼	32¾
Reynolds Metals	49¾	49¾
Roadway Srvcs	72¼	71¼
Rockwell Intl	43½	43¼
Rohm & Haas	58¾	57¾
Royal Dutch	107¾	107¾
Rubbermaid	31½	31½
Safeco Corp	58½	57¾
St Paul's Cos	84¾	83½
Salomon Inc	50¾	50¼
Santa Fe Pac	23	23¼
Sara Lee Corp	21¼	22
Seecorp	19¾	18¾
Schering Plough	60¾	59¾
Schlumberger	57¼	57¼
Scott Paper	45¼	45½
Seagram	29	29
Sears Roebuck	46½	47¾
Shell Trans	64	63¼
Sherwin Wllms	34¾	34¾
Skyline Corp	21¼	21¼
Snap-On-Tools	44½	43¼
Southern Co	40¾	41
Sthwestern Bell	38¼	38¾
Sprint Corp	38¾	37½
Stanley Works	43¼	44
Sun Company	31¼	31½
Sun Microsys	26½	26¾
Suntrust	45¾	45¾
Supervalu	37¼	37¼
Syntex Corp	14½	14
Sysco Corp	28¾	28¼
TRW Inc	72¾	72¾
Tandem Comp	14¾	14½
Tandy Corp	43¾	43¾
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
Teledyne	21¼	20¾
Temple Inland	51¼	50¾
Tenneco	58¼	57¾
Texaco	66½	66¼
Texas Inst	81½	81½
Texas Utilities	38¾	38¾
Textron	59¾	60½
Time Warner	38¾	38¼
Times-Mirror	34½	34¼
Timken	36½	36½
Torchmark	44¾	44¼
Toys R Us	36½	37
Transamerica	51¼	51¼
Travelers	38	38¼
Tribune	56¾	56¾
Tyco Labs	52¾	52¾
UAL Corp	141½	140¾
UST Inc	28¾	28¾
USX Marathon	16½	17
Unilever NV	113¾	115¼
Union Camp	48¾	48¾
Union Carbide	25¾	25¼
Union Pacific	60¾	60¾
Unisys Corp	14¾	14½
USAIR Group	12¾	12¾
USF&G Corp	14¼	14¾
US Life	38¾	39¾
US West	39¾	40¼
United Tech	67¼	69¼
Unocal Corp	29¾	29¾
Upjohn	28¼	28¾
VF Corp	49¾	48¼
WMX Tech	24¾	25
Wal-Mart Stores	28¾	28¼
Warner-Lambert	63¼	63¾
Wells Fargo	137¼	138¾
Westinghouse El	14¼	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	47¼	47¾
Whirlpool	68¾	67½
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	50½	50¼
Woolworth	23¾	23¼
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45¼	45
Xerox	99¾	100

RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	168	+1½
Chiroscience (150)	148	+1
Clinical Computing (150)	159	+2
Coda (235)	260	−2
Computerised Fin (90)	138	+1
Energy Capital (50)	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
Guangdong Dvlpt	73¼	...
Guangdong Dvlpt Wts	29	...
Herald Inv Tst (100)	95½	+1½
Herald Inv Wts	47	...
K'won Euro Pt (50)	42	+½
K'won Euro Pt Wts	38	...
Mithras Inv Tst (50)	51	...
Mithras Inv Wts	26	...
Parkside Intl (110)	125	...
Slimma (120)	142	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	93	...
Taiwan Inv Wts	45	...
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	12	...
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51	−½
Trifast (200)	214	−1
Tring Intl (118)	139	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Beauford n/p (20)	7	−1
Carlisle n/p (11)	22½	+2
Spring Ram n/p (53)	19	−½
Utility Cable n/p (10)	26½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Lloyds	599p (+15p)	Barclays	564p (-10p)
Grand Met	461p (+12p)	ADT	694p (-15p)
Whitbread	553p (+14p)	Mitel	405p (-68p)
Laporte	841p (+15p)	Dalgety	467p (-10p)
Wolstenholme Rink	635p (+10p)	Bespak	363p (-10p)
Essex Furniture	281p (+10p)	British Thornton	139p (-21p)
Carrs Milling	209p (+12p)	Britannic	476p (-19p)
J Sainsbury	357½p (+10½p)	Transatlantic	445p (-9p)
Siebe	606p (+17p)	Tottenham Hotspur	82p (-10p)
Abbey Panels	263p (+10p)	Tibbet & Britten	893p (-15p)
British Aerospace	549p (−9p)	British Airways	465p (-7p)
British Land	437p (+7p)		
Land Sec	724p (−8p)		

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	13,000	Cadbury	1,000	MEPC	1,000	Scot Power	2,100
Abbey Natl	8,900	Caradon	2,100	Marks Spr	3,800	Sears	5,300
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Carlton Cms	1,400	NFC	3,600	Svrn Trent	200
Anglian W	1,400	Coats Vyla	2,500	NatWst Bk	20,000	Shell Trans	4,400
Argyll Gp	4,100	Cml Union	1,800	Nat Power	1,100	Siebe	3,800
Arjo Wiggn	1,700	Courtaulds	2,000	Nth Wst W	2,100	SmKl Bch	3,500
AB Foods	89	Enterpr Oil	1,100	Nthrn Fds	1,200	Smith Nph	2,900
BAA	3,500	Forte	1,400	P & O	1,200	Southern Elec	747
BAT Inds	7,300	GRE	5,100	Pearson	1,100	Std Chartd	489
BOC	1,100	GUS	1,700	PowerGen	691	Sun Allnce	5,000
BP	14,000	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	4,900	TI Gp	883
BTR	7,000	Gen Elec	5,500	RMC	619	TSB	2,300
BT	7,400	Glaxo	5,100	RTZ	2,800	Tesco	5,500
BF of Scot	2,200	Granada	2,600	Rank Org	204	Thames W	1,000
Barclays	10,000	Grand Met	4,000	Reckitt Col	424	Thrn EMI	1,200
Bass	2,000	Guinness	2,700	Redland	2,700	Tomkins	3,100
Blue Circle	1,700	HSBC	3,700	Reed Intl	1,100	Unilever	2,200
Boots	1,700	Hanson	11,000	Rentokil	548	Utd Bisc	1,000
Bowater	1,200	ICI	1,700	Reuters	905	Vodafone	3,100
Brit Aero	7,600	Inchcape	1,800	Rolls Royce	5,100	Warburg (SG)	656
Brit Airwys	6,500	Kingfisher	1,300	Ryl Ins	3,600	Wellcome	1,500
Brit Gas	15,000	Ladbroke	2,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300	Whitbread	554
Brit Steel	4,200	Land Secs	1,500	Sainsbury	5,000	Wilms Hld	855
Burmah Cast	503	Legal & Gn	1,900	Schroders	128	Wolseley	471
Cable Wire	5,100	Lloyds Bk	5,000	Scot & New	855	Zeneca	863

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3903.22 (-8.44)
S&P Composite .... 471.92 (-0.46)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19341.83 (-0.80)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10763.23 (+89.22)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 425.81 (+3.53)

Sydney: AO .... 2218.9 (-16.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2127.67 (+20.05)

FT 30 share: .... 2577.9 (+1.9)

Brussels:
General .... 7669.84 (+29.00)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2252.00 (+25.27)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 716.00 (+6.00)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1682.90 (+3.49)
FT Non Financials .... 1797.09 (+5.62)
FT Gold Mines .... 203.2 (-3.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 125.28 (-0.24)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.54 (+0.01)
Bargains 29342
SEAQ Volume 822.4m
USM (Datastrm) .... 170.25 (-0.06)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 21	March 4	June 2	June 13

Call options were taken out on 23/2/94: Avesco, Br Aerospace, Carlisle Group, Caverdale, Dawson Intl, Europe Energy, Hanson Wts, Hunterprint, Mosaic Inv, Royal Insurance, Scot National. **Puts:** Alliance Res, Granada, Royal Insurance. **Puts & Calls:** Avesco, Hanson Wts, LBMS, Telemetrix.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3341.0	3359.0	3324.0	3338.0	18460
Previous open interest: 75220	Jun 94	3357.0	3364.0	3348.0	3351.5	875
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.81	94.83	94.81	94.82	7055
Previous open interest: 432223	Jun 94	94.90	94.92	94.88	94.90	18445
	Sep 94	94.83	94.85	94.78	94.82	11928
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.32	96.33	96.31	96.30	222
Previous open interest: 14384	Jun 94	95.96	95.97	95.91	95.92	106
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.23	94.25	94.21	94.21	19853
Previous open interest: 973938	Jun 94	94.70	94.73	94.67	94.68	33462
Long Gilt	Mar 94	114-15	114-26	113-29	114-17	107798
Previous open interest: 157816	Jun 94	113-21	113-30	113-04	113-22	24641
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	113.90	113.92	113.43	113.54	252
	Jun 94	112.71	112.74	112.15	112.34	1988
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	97.93	98.12	97.68	97.96	234837
Previous open interest: 253310	Jun 94	97.68	97.82	97.38	97.69	50045
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	101.76	101.81	101.51	101.70	2936
Previous open interest: 9315	Jun 94	101.90	101.90	101.82	101.85	500
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.79	93.81	93.78	93.77	546
Previous open interest: 39076	Jun 94	94.23	94.25	94.22	94.23	690
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.95	95.99	95.95	95.98	4448
Previous open interest: 64412	Jun 94	96.16	96.19	96.16	96.17	5243
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	115.25	115.60	115.07	115.20	63196
Previous open interest: 99327	Jun 94	115.19	115.56	115.15	115.22	8317

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.6 (day's range 80.6-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8613-2.8675	2.8640-2.8675	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	52.47-52.66	52.56-52.66	4-8ds	12-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9300-9.9750	9.9600-9.9750	⅛-1⅜ds	1¾-3⅛ds
Dublin	1.0405-1.0440	1.0407-1.0438	7-11ds	25-30ds
Frankfurt	2.5495-2.5550	2.5517-2.5550	⅛-¼ds	½-⅝ds
Lisbon	258.55-259.94	258.60-259.22	75-115ds	235-350ds
Madrid	207.14-208.07	207.53-207.82	54-62ds	170-186ds
Milan	2482.30-2487.20	2482.30-2486.30	5-6ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9733-1.9810	1.9781-1.9810	0.24-0.19pr	0.47-0.39pr
New York	1.4751-1.4793	1.4773-1.4783	0.20-0.19pr	0.55-0.53pr
Oslo	11.0000-11.0470	11.0310-11.0470	¼-⅛pr	⅞-⅛pr
Paris	8.6610-8.6840	8.6650-8.6800	⅝-⅞ds	2⅛-2⅜ds
Stockholm	11.6800-11.7400	11.7170-11.7400	1⅜-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	155.62-156.34	156.07-156.34	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.92-17.98	17.94-17.98	par-1ds	¼-1⅜ds
Zurich	2.1425-2.1488	2.1457-2.1488	¼pr-par	⅝-⅛pr

Source: Extel   Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4740-1.4765
Australia dollar	2.0374-2.0417
Bahrain dinar	0.5510-0.5635
Brazil cruzeiro *	877.37-879.16
Cyprus pound	0.758-0.768
Finland marka	8.1145-8.2306
Greece drachma	365.75-372.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.3980-11.4074
India rupee	45.98-46.94
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4355-0.4455
Malaysia ringgit	4.0359-4.0452
Mexico peso	4.52-4.62
New Zealand dollar	2.5498-2.5561
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.487-5.613
Singapore dollar	2.3409-2.3441
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0086-7.0577
S Africa rand (com)	5.2055-5.2136
U A E dirham	5.373-5.497

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3812-1.3831
Austria	12.15-12.16
Belgium (Com)	35.58-35.62
Canada	1.3384-1.3394
Denmark	6.7478-6.7528
France	5.872-5.877
Germany	1.7284-1.7294
Hong Kong	7.727-7.728
Ireland	1.4146-1.4176
Italy	1681.0-1684.0
Japan	105.35-105.45
Malaysia	2.734-2.739
Netherlands	1.940-1.941
Norway	7.472-7.477
Portugal	175.4-175.7
Singapore	1.587-1.588
Spain	140.48-140.58
Sweden	7.927-7.938
Switzerland	1.4525-1.4535

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4 11/16; 3 mth 4¾. Sell: 2 mth 4 21/32; 3 mth 4 21/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	4 11/16-4⅝	4 11/16-4 5/8	4 11/16-4 5/8	4 11/16-4 21/32	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	5⅛-5	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5⅛-5⅛
	5⅛-5	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5, close 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 1/16	n/a	5 1/16	5⅛	5 3/16
Sterling CDs:	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16
Dollar CDs:	3.40	n/a	3.51	3.76	4.15
Building Society CDs:	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16	5 1/16-5 1/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3 1/16-2 15/16	3 1/16-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3 11/16-3 9/16	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6 1/16-6 1/16	6⅛-5⅞	5 15/16-5 13/16	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6 5/16-6 1/16	6 5/16-6 3/16	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅜-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4 1/16-3 15/16	4⅛-3⅝
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.30-377.70 **Close:** $378.20-378.70 **High:** $378.50-379.00 **Low:** $374.30-374.80 **Krugerrand:** $377.00-380.00 (£255.00-257.00)

Sovereigns: Old $88.00-91.00 (£59.00-61.00) **New** $88.00-91.00 (£59.00-61.00)

Platinum: $392.00 (£265.60) **Silver:** $5.24 (£3.545) **Palladium:** $131.75 (£89.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	600	31	40	51½	15½	33	39½
(*610½)	650	9½	19	29¼	45½	64¼	69¼
Argyll	240	18¼	24	28	9	18½	22½
(*246½)	260	8½	14½	19	—	31	34½
ASDA	50	10½	13	14	1½	3	4½
(*59)	60	4	7	8½	5½	7½	9¼
Boots	500	43	53½	60½	6	18½	22½
(*532)	550	13½	28½	34	29½	44½	48
Br Airways	460	24	37	46	16	30½	36½
(*465)	500	8¼	19½	29¼	42	54½	60
BP	360	22	32½	38¼	10½	19	25
(*368½)	390	8	18¼	25	28	36	41½
Br Steel	140	10¼	16	19½	7	10	14½
(*143)	160	3	7	10	20	24	26¼
C & W	475	24¼	41	—	14¼	27	—
(*479½)	500	14	28¼	36¼	30½	44½	49
CU	600	28	45½	50	18½	28½	35½
(*616)	650	9½	22½	27	52	58¼	65½
ICI	750	24¼	43	52	35	40¼	61½
(*750)	800	8½	24	32	75½	84	94
Kingfishr	600	31½	45½	56	22	38¼	47½
(*605½)	650	11½	24½	35	53½	60½	77
Land Sec	700	39	48	55	9	26	29½
(*722½)	750	11½	21¼	30	35	54¼	57½
M & S	420	23	31½	38	9	19½	22
(*430)	460	6	14	20	33¼	43	44¼
Nat West	500	19	32½	42	31	39¼	45
(*503)	550	7	16	24	70	74	78½
Sainsbury	330	37	43½	50½	5	15½	18
(*357½)	360	16	25	34¼	16½	29	32½
Shell	700	28	45½	53	17	26	35
(*721½)	750	7	23	29	50	55	63
Smkl Bch	390	30½	43¼	52½	12½	23½	30
(*408½)	420	19½	29	37¼	29	39	46
Storehse	220	23	29¼	34	4	9	12
(*236½)	240	10½	18	23	12	18	22
Trafalgar	106	13	18½	—	6	9¼	—
(*111)	115	8¼	14½	—	11	15	—
Unilever	1150	32	48½	70	41	51½	63
(*1159½)	1200	12¼	28	48	78½	85	94½
Zeneca	750	32¼	49½	63½	27½	40½	51½
(*767½)	800	11	28	42	61	70	81
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	420	40½	50	58	1½	6	12½
(*458½)	460	2	23¼	33	4½	20½	28¼
Ladbroke	200	—	13¼	19	1½	15	21½
(*201½)	220	1	6	12½	20½	30¼	34½
Utd Bisc	330	10½	19½	25½	1	16½	22
(*335)	360	1	7	13½	24½	38	42½

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	950	47	63½	83	19½	38½	46½
(*967½)	1000	22¼	38¼	57½	47¼	65	72
Thames W	550	31	41½	47½	12	28½	32½
(*564)	600	8½	17½	24½	40¼	61½	62¼
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAT Ind	475	5	—	—	2	—	—
(*470½)	500	1	14	24½	24	43½	50
BTR	360	6½	19½	27	1¼	18	24½
(*364)	390	1	7½	14½	28	39	44
Br Aero	500	51	71	86½	1	24½	32
(*549)	550	6	49	60½	5	46	59½
Br Telecm	420	19	30½	39	1	8	17½
(*437)	460	1	9	18¼	25	29¼	38½
Cadbury	495	26	31½	—	1	13	—
(*516½)	542	1	8½	—	28	44	—
Guinness	500	26	38½	51¼	1	19	29
(*523)	550	1	14	29	30	49½	58
GEC	330	6	16	24¼	1¼	11¼	19½
(*333½)	360	1	6	11½	28¼	30½	39
Hanson	260	20½	22½	26½	1	4½	8½
(*279)	280	1¼	10¼	15½	2	13	17½
LASMO	120	9	17¼	21	1	8½	13
(*128)	130	1½	12	19	4½	14	18¼
Lucas	220	8	15	25	1	11½	16
(*226½)	240	1	7½	15	15½	23½	28
Pilkingtn	180	19	23½	29	1	4½	9
(*197)	200	1½	10½	17½	4½	13	18¼
Prudential	300	30	32½	37½	1	5½	11
(*328)	330	2	12½	21	4	20½	26½
Redland	550	41½	53	60¼	1	17½	28
(*585)	600	1½	23½	34	14½	45½	55½
Royal Ins	286	4½	—	—	2	—	—
(*290)	317	1	—	—	29	—	—
Tesco	220	3	14½	21	0½	15	17½
(*223)	240	1	6	12½	17½	28	30½
Vodafone	600	1	37½	57½	3½	30	46½
(*602)	650	1	18	36	50	62	76
Williams	390	7½	22	28½	1½	18	24½
(*395)	420	1	8	15½	27	39	43

FT-SE INDEX (*3339)

	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450
Calls						
Mar	160	119	92	55	33	18
Apr	177	141	110	81	60	42
May	205	166	137	108	85	64
Jun	220	185	157	127	105	83
Dec	303	—	241	—	190	—
Puts						
Mar	17	28	42	65	95	134
Apr	40	54	72	94	122	154
May	59	72	92	113	140	160
Jun	72	87	108	127	155	193
Dec	132	—	168	—	215	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	500	16	28½	39¼	17½	27	34
(*505½)	550	2½	11	20¼	58½	61	65½
Amstrad	35	3½	5½	7½	2	4	5½
(*36½)	40	1½	3¼	5	5½	7	9
Barclays	550	23½	39	48½	16	27½	33
(*560½)	600	5½	18	27½	52½	59	66
Blue Circ	330	33½	39	49	3½	13½	22½
(*358)	360	12	22	33	14	28	37
Br Gas	330	16	25	28	9½	15	19
(*339)	360	3½	9½	14½	24	35	37½
Dixons	200	17½	25½	30	3½	9	16
(*212½)	220	6	15	20	15	19	26½
Forte	240	19¼	24¼	31	3½	11½	16
(*254½)	260	7½	13½	21½	12	22	27
Hillsdwn	160	20¼	22½	25¼	1½	6½	9
(*177)	180	6	10½	15	8	17½	19½
Lonrho	140	17½	25	30	3	8½	14
(*153½)	160	6½	14½	20	12½	19½	24½
Sears	120	6	9½	12¼	7½	7½	9
(*122)	130	2½	5½	8	9½	14	15½
Thrn EMI	1100	58	89½	108	11¼	28	51
(*1141½)	1150	26	59½	77	32	50¼	74½
Tomkins	260	13	22	28	6	12	19
(*269½)	280	4	12	19½	18	23½	30½
TSB	240	12½	21	29½	6	13½	19
(*243½)	260	4	12	20¼	19½	25	30
Wellcome	650	26	50¼	71	23¼	44½	57½
(*652½)	700	9½	30	50	56	75	87½
	Series	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Glaxo	650	45	70½	82	25	38½	56½
(*679)	700	21¼	46½	59½	50¼	66	84½
HSBC	950	81	119½	144½	46	79	98
(*994)	1000	56	96	121	71	104	120½
Reuter	2000	96½	156½	197	66	103	130½
(*2042½)	2050	70½	132½	171	91½	127	154½
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
R-Royce	176	3	—	—	1½	—	—
(*177)	195	1	—	—	19	—	—
	Series	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Fisons	120	15	21½	26½	4	9½	13½
(*129½)	130	9½	16	22	9	15	19
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastrn Elc	650	19	42	55½	1	18	34½
(*666½)	700	0½	17½	30½	36	46	63½
	Series	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	460	36	47½	54½	4½	12½	22
(*490)	500	10	24	33	18½	33½	40
Scot Pwr	420	17½	31	38	9	19	29½
(*425½)	460	3½	14	22	37½	43	55

February 23, 1994 Tot: 54408 Call: 28418 Put: 25990 FT-SE Call: 6023 Puts 9354
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee rallied after the Brazilian government announced it was providing a $35 mln credit line to the private sector. The finance is effectively designed to allow the private sector to retain the coffee necessary to make up the current deficit to the producer retention accord. Thus retaining an extra 600,000 bags in addition to the 20% of future exports due to be withheld under the price support scheme.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	910-909	May	989-985
May	925-927	Jul	997-996
Jul	938-937	Sep	1008-1007
Sep	949-948	Dec	1023-1018
Dec	963-962		
Mar	977-976		Volume: 5973

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1224-1223	Nov	1235-1233
May	1238-1237	Jan	1234-1231
Jul	1230-1229	Mar	1225-1225
Sep	1231-1230		Volume: 4097

NO 7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.40-11.70
Spot: 271.70		Jan	11.15-11.95
Mar	11.05-11.41	Mar	10.90-12.20
May	11.48-11.90	May	10.80-12.45
Jul	11.90-12.30		Volume: 253

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	292.4-91.0
Spot: 316.7		Mar	292.4-90.1
May	314.1-13.5	May	294.0-91.1
Aug	312.0-10.7	Aug	295.5-92.6
Oct	294.5-94.0		Volume: 1100

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	74.40	119.16	123.33
(+/-)	+0.45	+2.03	-0.07
Eng/Wales	74.45	119.38	122.83
(+/-)	+0.47	+0.01	-0.29
(%)	+3.1	+4.6	+10.2
Scotland	66.14	118.66	125.84
(+/-)	+0.71	+1.33	-1.10
(%)	n/a	-6.0	-5.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	.
Sep	unq				Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	100.60
May	102.30
Jun	102.25
Sep	90.50
Nov	91.50
Volume:	377

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	104.10
May	104.50
Sep	91.80
Nov	93.75
Jan	95.50
Volume:	132

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	140.0
Apr	109.0	108.5
May	127.0	127.9
		Volume: 84

RUBBER

No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Apr 64.75-65.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Whilst awaiting for the delayed American stock figures, the market was little changed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.25	n/c
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.30	n/c
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.40	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.55	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (May)	14.70	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	151 (+1)	153 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	141 (+2)	142 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Mar	144 (+2)	146 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Apr	143 (+2)	144 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	80 (-1)	81 (n/c)
Naphtha	134 (-1)	136 (+1)

IPE FUTURES

GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	140.75-41.00	Jun	140.00-40.50
Apr	140.00-40.25	Jul	142.00-43.25
May	139.00-39.25	Aug	144.00-44.50
			Vol: 14473

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	13.43-13.44	Jul	13.92-13.95
May	13.58-13.60	Aug	14.05-14.10
Jun	13.74-13.76		Vol: 14849

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	unq	Jun	unq
Apr		Jul	
May			Vol: 0

BIFFEX

GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 94	1128	1125	1125
Mar 94	1140	1125	1125
Apr 94	1215	1180	1180
Jul 94	1100	1080	1075

Vol: 371 lots Open intrst: 2712 Index 1123 -4

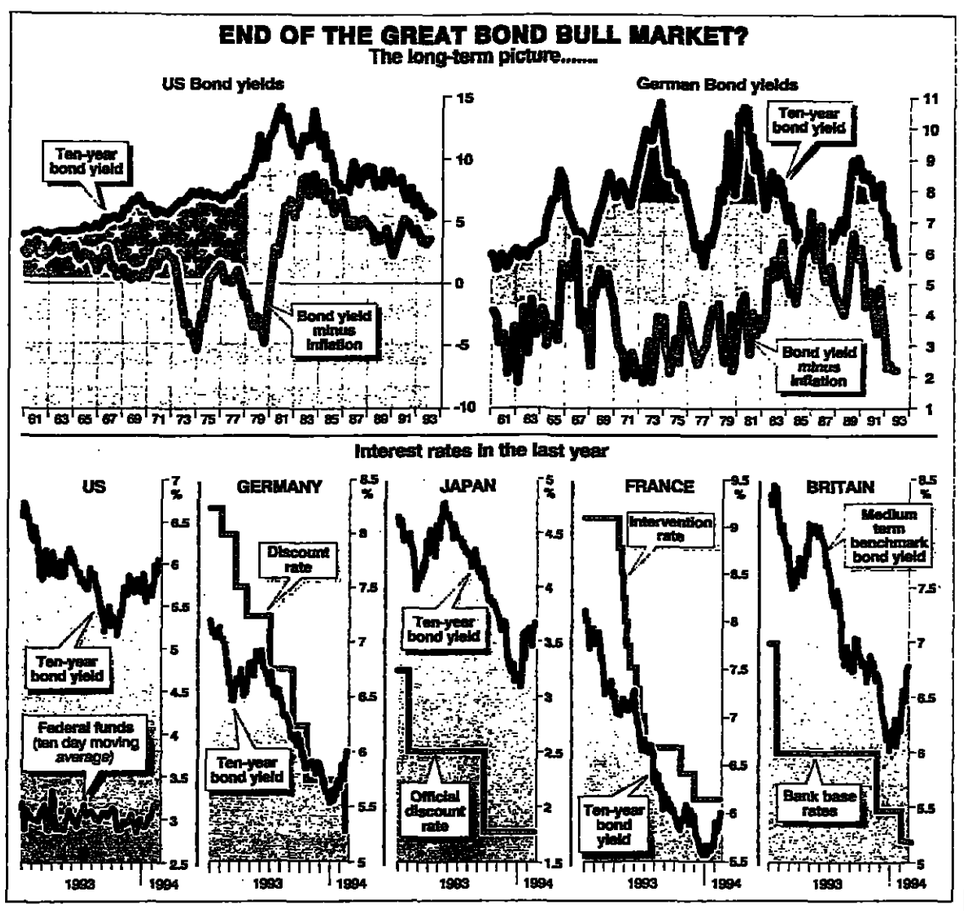
LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1857.5-1858.0	1880.0-1880.5	1501550
Lead ($/tonne)	468.00-469.00	482.00-482.50	124925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	951.00-951.50	969.00-969.50	279975
Tin ($/tonne)	5415.0-5425.0	5440.0-5445.0	17380
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1269.5-1270.5	1292.0-1293.0	823125
Nickel ($/tonne)	5830.0-5835.0	5895.0-5900.0	30414

ECONOMIC VIEW

Professionals who forgot that bonds can also fall

The illusion of ever-rising capital gains has finally been shattered, to the benefit of bond prices and long-term investors, writes Anatole Kaletsky



Seven weeks ago, looking ahead to the financial prospects for the new year, I noted that the "Bigger Fool theory" was gaining ground among investors in the European and Japanese bond markets. *This theory states that however foolishly high the price of an asset has risen, it is still worth buying since some Bigger Fool is bound to offer an even higher price for it tomorrow.* The Bigger Fool's appearance in any financial market is an almost invariable sign that some *kind of a crash is approaching and so it* was easy enough to suggest in early January that the great global bull market in bonds, which had run since late 1990, was about to collapse.

The consequences of this change of trend are bound to be momentous for *the world economy, the financial* markets — and not least for the much-touted "hedge funds" and proprietary trading desks of Goldman Sachs and other great American investment houses, which turned out to be the Bigger Fools this time round, losing *many billions of dollars in the Japanese*, British and continental bond markets since January 1.

Given that this turnround in long-term interest rates is widely seen as the most important sea-change in economic trends since 1990, it seems worth repeating the argument I put forward in January — that the fall in bond markets would be largely a financial phenomenon, with limited relevance for economic policy, inflationary prospects and even the course of short-term interest rates, which in Europe and Britain remains clearly downwards.

I believe the main force driving up long-term interest rates is pure financial dynamics: bond markets rose much too high in Japan and Europe and were due for a fall. That may sound like a worthless *post hoc* tautology, but I think not. All kinds of deep economic factors have been cited in the past few weeks to explain the turnround in bond yields: fears of renewed global inflation; the evidence that many commodity prices have started rising; the clear prospect that American monetary policy will be further tightened by the Federal Reserve Board. All these factors are certainly relevant, but they do not explain why ten-year interest rates are more than a half-point higher today than two months ago. Nothing has happened in the past two months to change inflationary expectations or commodity price prospects. As for the Fed's infinitesimal tightening of monetary policy on February 11, this was universally predicted — in direction, if not precise *timing*. Anyway a large part of the bond setback had already happened before the Fed moved. The main role of the Fed tightening and the hardening of commodity prices was merely to catalyse a market reaction that was bound to happen sooner or later. The reaction was inevitable because bond yields had fallen by the end of 1993 to levels that were not likely to prove sustainable on any plausible long-term economic outlook.

In Japan, ten-year bonds were yielding just 3.2 per cent. Even for a country mired in recession with more prices falling than rising, that was just too low to compensate for the risk that inflation would accelerate, the economy would boom or the yen would fall. Such risks might seem negligible in the next year or so, but some or all of them are near-certainties on a ten-year view.

Turning to Europe, there seemed to be even less justification for bond yields to remain below 6 per cent in Germany and France. In France, long-term interest rates had never been so low in the post-war era. In Germany, bond yields had spent a few years below 6 per cent in the 1950s and early 1960s, but had never managed to sustain such low levels (see chart). Was it really plausible that long-term interest rates in Europe could be sustained at lower levels in the 1990s than in the 1950s and 1960s? At the end of last year many bond investors convinced themselves that it was, but only by ignoring some crucial pieces of information. They ignored the enormous long-term demand for capital from German unification. They ignored the huge budget deficit in Germany and the prospect of a Lamont-style fiscal haemorrhage in France. They ignored the *likelihood that inflation in Germany* would end up higher in the 1990s than in the 1960s.

> Once speculators realised the Bigger Fool was the guy staring out of the mirror, the price slump was inevitable

Above all, investors in Europe and Japan alike ignored the fact that bonds must now offer a much higher reward to compensate for financial risks than *they did in the 1950s and 1960s. After* the systematic robbery of fixed-interest savers through inflation from the mid-1960s onwards, government bonds will never again be regarded as "risk-free" investments, inherently safer and therefore less remunerative than property or shares.

On the contrary, bonds are now almost universally recognised, at least outside Germany, France and Italy, as volatile high-risk assets, better suited for sophisticated professional investors than for widows and orphans, who should stick to blue-chip equities.

Bonds must be recognised as having a risky character regardless of the anti-inflationary credibility of monetary authorities such as the Bundesbank or Bank of Japan. For the real returns from a long-term investment in bonds will depend on monetary and fiscal policies pursued not just today but in ten or even 20 years. These policies are inherently unpredictable — and since the abolition of the gold standard and fixed-exchange rates, the world has finally woken up to this. Bond investors must therefore be compensated for this unpredictability, which they find far more threatening than equity investors, whose assets are at least partially inflation-proofed.

To put this argument in a nutshell — financial logic dictates that the return on bonds relative to equities should be much higher today than it was 30 years ago, before the true risks of fixed-*interest investment were recognised.* And in the past few years bonds have indeed provided their holders with extremely high returns. These were achieved through phenomenal capital gains as interest rates declined. And it was because of these capital gains that *supposedly "risk-free" government* bonds became the hottest market for the most aggressive of short-term speculators.

The inevitable result was that bond markets all over the world came to be dominated not by such subtle economic issues as the long-term prospects for inflation, currency movements and the demand and supply of world savings, but by a much coarser financial consideration: the prospect of making a capital gain in the next month or so. No hedge fund operator would have dreamed of buying a German bond to hold on to it for ten years and clip the 5.7 per cent coupon. Rather he would buy a 5.7 per cent bond in the expectation of selling it to someone else a few months later, when the yield had dropped, say, to 5.2 per cent — and recording a big capital gain.

That, of course, was where our friend the Bigger Fool became so indispensable to the health of the bond market. Once the big bond speculators realised that the Bigger Fool was the handsome guy staring out of the shaving mirror, the price collapse became inevitable.

Now that the illusion of ever-rising capital values has been shattered, bond prices should fall to the point where yields are again high enough to appeal to long-term investors. Comparing bond yields in Europe, America and Japan with the prospects for inflation, currency movements and monetary policy developments, the chances that long-term interest rates will stabilise not too far above current levels seem best in America and Britain, tolerable in Japan and least favourable in Germany and France.

America and Japan are favourably *placed because the gap between short* and long-term interest rates will remain extremely wide, even after further tightening by the Fed; the currencies are competitive and medium-term inflation prospects are good. The reason why bond prices should soon *stabilise in Britain is that long-term* rates are very high by international standards, while short rates are likely to decline further. The same positive arguments apply even more strongly in Italy and Spain. In Germany and France, with big budget deficits, uncompetitive economies and tight spreads between short and long-term rates, the markets may continue to fall sharply — at least until yields are up to about 6.5 per cent.

TEMPUS

Plane living

HOW refreshing to read a set of figures from British Aerospace in which the only surprise is a good one. The 19 per cent rise in the dividend may not have been justified by the results, but at least it demonstrates BAe's confidence in the future.

BAe has to appear confident about the strength of its remaining aerospace and defence business, since it has been forced to sacrifice Rover to feed it with the cash it demands. The signals from these operations are still faint but encouraging, with the group order book rising by 24 per cent to £8.8 billion and the Airbus operations moving into profit.

There remains the sticky question about the future of the remainder of the civil aircraft business. The losses from the Jetstream business last year were an appalling £170 million, and even after one-off items are removed they are still running at £90 million a year. While regional jets recovered to break even, the overcapacity in its market does not augur well for future profitability. Hence BAe's enthusiasm for joint ventures, which could extend to a deal with GEC in defence.

By eventually placing much of its remaining business into joint ventures, BAe will convert itself into a financial rather than industrial combine, acting as head lessor and banker for the equipment its associates manufacture. The group is already heading down this route by demystifying its accounts and cleaning up its arcane off-balance sheet financing arrangements. The next stage will come when it nets off its large cash balance against its £1.8 billion debt and shoulders the massive financing requirement for Airbus sales.

But BAe as a industrial/financial combine will not command the same stock market adulation as BAe the recovery stock. Both the financial and heavy engineering sectors traditionally trade at a discount to the market. When the group's recovery slows, the share price performance will flatten. With a share price that now discounts earnings well into the second half of the decade, that deceleration cannot be far away.

NatWest

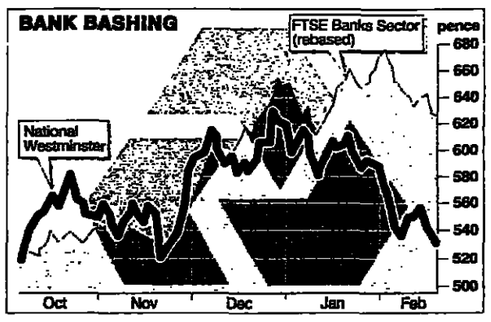
THE market has grown addicted to large doses of cash from the banks in recent months, so it was naturally disappointed yesterday when National Westminster offered a dividend increase that is more in tune with a low inflation environment and its weakened balance sheet, particularly since some brokers had been confidently predicting a double digit increase. Even so, a 5 per cent markdown of the shares looks harsh considering the bank almost tripled its profits.

But Nat West's figures were *unappealing in more* aspects than just the dividend. An 8 per cent fall in pre-provision profits from branch banking contrasted with a 51 per cent increase in the capital markets operation. This stirred up worries over quality of earnings.

Then there is the bank's sensitivity about its capital ratios. The 5.7 per cent core risk/asset ratio looks sound, but the bank's determination to stress the point, coupled with low dividend growth, suggest its plans are constrained by its balance sheet, *which it denies.*

The answer may lie in America, where the bank openly talks about acquisitions. Unfortunately it has probably missed the chance to pick up cheap assets in the *US, where banks now* change hands for twice book value.

That leaves NatWest still tied to the recovery in the UK economy, and where the bank would do well to avoid another hole like Tiphook, *which has slowed the fall in* bad debt provisions. With the future of NatWest's dividend and strategic direction clouded, investors may rediscover the generosity and obvious overcapitalisation of *Lloyds.*



CU

COMMERCIAL Union did its best to calm fears about pressure on premiums stirred up by GRE. But even a sevenfold increase in pre-tax operating profit and a 10 per cent hike in the dividend was not enough to keep the bears from grumbling.

CU is better placed than most to withstand a return to discounting, with new equity in its back pocket and a relatively small exposure to personal lines, which will display any pressure on premiums first. But CU's healthy solvency ratio raises a few awkward questions about its performance. A year ago, the company raised £428 million from shareholders, ostensibly to cash in on rising premium rates and management confidently pointed to "unprecedented opportunities" *to invest.*

Where did the money go? For an insurer, a rights issue is an opportunity to expand its book on the security of the enlarged capital and, flush with funds, CU was in a prime position last year to boost market share. But CU's 1993 performance, while respectable, was hardly sensational. Non-life premium income grew by 10 per cent in 1993, less than GRE, which managed a rise of almost 14 per cent last year, without recourse to shareholders.

Of course, CU grew strongly in 1992, with a 27 per cent rise in UK non-life premium when the rest of the sector was struggling. That growth will enable it to resist some of the pressure on margins as the insurance cycle turns again, since it has scope to shed unprofitable market share. The cash raised last February has turned in handsome investment *returns in the bull market* but shareholders who backed CU may be asking whether they bought shares in an insurer or an investment trust.

Gilts

AFTER recent jitters in world bond markets, the Bank of England was no doubt extremely relieved to get yesterday's auction away with a cover of 1.48 times, even though the spread of bids was so wide. Admittedly this was not the most challenging funding operation of the past year. At £2.5 billion it was almost loose change compared with the large auctions of last summer, while the short maturity helped to side-step any market concern about long-term inflation prospects. The auction almost completed the funding requirement for the financial year, although it will be keen to start on the 1994-95 workload, in case *bond market conditions* deteriorate further.

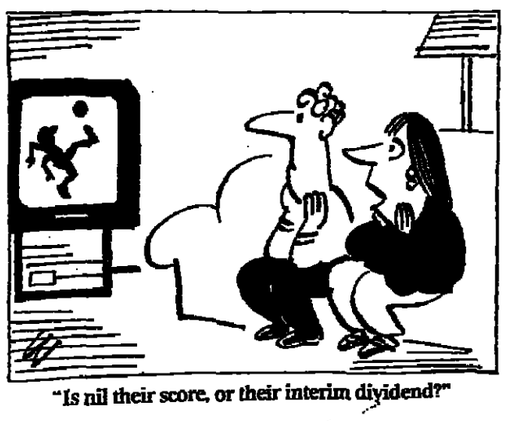
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Albert Hall tribute

SOME 400 of Britain's finest young musicians and singers are due at the Royal Albert Hall on April 22 to pay tribute to the victims of November's tragic M40 school minibus crash — and Britain's leading companies are being asked to help. The concert, in the presence of Prince Edward, aims to raise at least £70,000 towards the cost of a new music wing for Hagley School in the West Midlands, but the expense of staging the event — about £250,000 — means that ticket sales alone will not suffice. Music for Youth, the concert organiser, is inviting firms and companies to take a box for the occasion, a gesture that will see their names engraved on a plaque in the new school hall. British Aerospace, WH Smith, Marks and Spencer and *The Times* are among companies that have so far signed up for one of the Grand Tier Boxes, which cost £1,200 each, seat 12, and include a programme, soft drinks, wine and a buffet supper. The Loggia Boxes, which seat eight, are available for £800 with the same facilities. Companies wishing to lend their support should contact Music for Youth on (081) 870 9624.

The peacemaker

REMEMBER *that* handshake? The man who was instrumental *in bringing those* intractable enemies Yassir Arafat and Yitshak Rabin together is to pass on a few tips to that hotbed of dissent, British industry. Terje Rød Larsen, director general of the FAFO research institute based in Oslo, will address a meeting of the Industrial Society, under chairman Sir Bob Reid of British Rail, at a meeting in London on April 20. The society has a long history of bringing management and trade unions together, and Larsen's theme: "Paving the way for Peace", seems highly appropriate. Yvonne Bennion, campaign director, said: "We are thrilled to bits. He is going to talk about the unique role he played in facilitating peace negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians." Larsen, *also special adviser to the* Norwegian foreign minister, brought representatives of the two sides together at the discreet Forte Crest St James's Hotel in Jermyn Street in December 1992.



"Is nil their score, or their interim dividend?"

ENTER the Bimbo. Herebond, a City-based invoice discounter, yesterday proudly announced the completion of a management buy-in funded by MeesPierson, the Dutch international merchant bank. This type of deal, where management buys out an equity stake at the same time as new financial backers buy in, is dubbed a Buy-In Management Buy-Out . . . or Bimbo.

Late lunch

KENNETH Clarke was late for his own lunch yesterday, at a gathering of City worthies involved in The Chancellor's Financial Sector Scheme, which places promising young Russian business people with British banks, building societies and insurance companies for a few months work experience. Clarke was, he said, attending the wedding of a close friend. Sir Martin Jacomb, *attending as chairman of the* British Council, was also late and also apologised publicly. Sir Martin had been held up by the demonstration in Bloomsbury of students carrying placards bearing the words "Axe the Tories, not the grant."

Spurred

ALAN Sugar, the thinking industrialist's man on the terraces, was exhorting Tottenham Hotspur fans yesterday to get behind the lads in their struggle in the nether regions of football's Premier Division. Sugar, disclosing half-time results for the club, said: "Clearly our squad has the ability. At present there is a need to demonstrate solidarity, encourage the team and support the efforts of the management." Terry Venables, memory suggests, was saying much the same thing before he was ousted as company chief executive last summer.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTER

Power pool prices are not excessive

From the Chief Executive, National Power

Sir, Pennington's article, "Power play in the power market" (January 25) accuses National Power of being party to withholding generating plant from the system deliberately *to push up electricity* pool prices. The company resents the imputation, which is totally without foundation.

Generating capacity on the system is not short, and never has been. Indeed, the position *is quite the reverse, with* continuing over capacity and new generating players entering the market.

The article implies that pool prices are too high. But by any reasonable criteria, pool prices are not excessive. They still do not recover even the cash costs of 40 per cent of our generating plant, all of which is required to maintain the security of the system. They are still below the cost of producing environmentally compliant electricity.

The article also opines that power privatisation has not yet worked as planned to keep prices down. However, pool prices are still below the level predicted by Government at the time of privatisation. Moreover, National Power's wholesale charge in the tariff for domestic and small users is 8 per cent lower in real terms than before privatisation; our wholesale charge to the vast majority of large users is on average 16 per cent lower, while a typical large user who has lost Government subsidies is paying about the same.

Yours faithfully,
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Irish Permanent seeks conversion with £192m flotation plan

IRISH Permanent, Ireland's largest building society, is asking its members to approve the conversion from mutual to plc status next month. The move will put a value of more than Ir£200 million (£192 million) on the society, which has retained earnings of Ir£156 million.

Irish Permanent said it would raise up to Ir£50 million in new equity if the flotation plan is approved by investors on March 23. It also said pre-tax profits rose 35 per cent to Ir£29 million in 1993 while assets grew 21 per cent to Ir£2.7 billion.

The society's cost-to-income ratio fell from 64.3 to 60 per cent. That ratio is only slightly below banks such as AIB, and is considered too high for a building society. The Permanent said it had a target ratio of 50 per cent.

The results were well received by Dublin analysts, who predicted strong institutional demand for the society's shares, despite controls stipulating that no shareholder can own more than 15 per cent.

Irish Permanent said it wanted to raise the Ir£50 million in equity finance to enable it to develop services and compete with the banks. The market in the stock would be hugely liquid as 227,000 depositers will receive 300 free shares each, regardless of the size of their accounts. The society said these allocations should each be worth in excess of Ir£350 at flotation.

Its remaining 100,000 members will receive up to Ir£200 each in cash bonuses at flotation.

The Permanent has 184 branches and agencies in the Republic of Ireland and recently opened for business in Belfast and London. It also has a deposit-taking branch in the Isle of Man, Ireland's favourite offshore banking centre.

Its exclusive concentration has been in the mortgage market but government liberalisation has allowed it to offer current accounts, motor finance, corporate lending, insurance and life and pensions services. However, the mortgage market, in which the banks are now aggressive players, still represents most of its business.

James Smith issue

James Smith Estates is raising £12.3 million in a placing and open offer to fund expansion. The property company is issuing 10.3 million shares at 125p against Tuesday's market price of 133p; it will also apply for a full listing on the Stock Exchange.

James Smith's portfolio is valued at £26.6 million, up 10 per cent from March last year. The directors will recommend a final dividend of 3.1p (2.8p) for this year.

Porvair ahead

Porvair, which makes plastic materials for waterproofing, boosted taxable profits by 26 per cent to £2.55 million (£2.02 million) in the year to November 30. Strong cash generation cut the borrowings-shareholders' funds ratio to 15 from 28 per cent and earnings per share rose to 13.2p (11.6p). A final dividend of 2.8p makes a total of 4.2p (3.6p).

Dale losses

The dividend has been halved to 1p a share at Dale Electric International, the power and lighting group, on interim losses of £933,000 against a £544,000 profit last time. Losses per share of 6.74p compare with earnings of 3.02p last time.

Unilever link

Unilever is forming a joint venture with Kimberly-Clark, the American group, in India. Kimberly-Clark Lever will market nappies and feminine-care products and will build a $10 million factory employing 100 people in the state of Maharastra.

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Survey finds sharp rise in confidence

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS confidence has improved sharply in recent months, with nearly three quarters of smaller companies expecting the UK economy to improve over the next 12 months, according to a survey by MORI for S G Warburg.

The survey, *A View from the Boardroom*, involved sending questionnaires to more than 1,000 chairmen or chief executives of quoted companies with market capitalisation below £300 million, more than three quarters of the UK quoted sector by number. Forty-five per cent responded.

The survey found 74 per cent of respondents expecting the UK's economic condition to improve in the next 12 months. This contrasts with a recent public opinion poll with only 13 per cent expecting improvement.

The survey, conducted this month and last, found three quarters of businesses questioned more optimistic about their growth prospects than three months ago. Some 59 per cent of respondents believe that prospects will improve over the next three months, whereas only 3 per cent believe they will worsen.

Two-thirds of respondents expect sales to rise over the next three months. There is also an expectation of sales at higher prices and of recovery in gross margins. However, 87 per cent of respondents report demand below their current capacity, with two thirds claiming to have more than 10 per cent spare capacity.

About 28 per cent of those surveyed intend to increase their workforce over the next three months, but 26 per cent envisage cutbacks.

Some 57 per cent of businesses expect to increase capital spend over the next 12 months.

The survey's optimistic findings, in line with January's CBI industrial trends study, may in part reflect companies surveyed being relatively insulated from exports, with greater exposure to the UK economy, which is bucking the Continent's gloomier trend.

Inflationary pressures seem to remain relatively subdued. Only 8 per cent of companies report a rise in selling prices, after allowing for discounts, in the past three months. The balance is higher in the service sector, at 12 per cent. However, 23 per cent of companies expect to increase prices in the next three months, although much of this may be due to seasonal influences.

Darren Winder, UK economist at S G Warburg, said: "This survey points to a very broadly based recovery in economic activity. The reported improvement in order books points to sustained economic expansion in the months ahead, despite the prospect of higher taxes. The economy should continue to gather pace during the course of this year."



Blurred picture: Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, told shareholders that Carlton Television's advertising revenue in the important final quarter of 1993, spanning the Christmas period, had failed to match expectations. However, Carlton TV's first full year of trading had been "very satisfactory". Both Carlton and Central TV, the Channel 3 contractor for the Midlands acquired during the year, had grown in real terms since the beginning of January. There were signs that Carlton Communications would benefit in its second half from recovery and new products. Carlton shares rose 1p, to £9.39.

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Tax Bill shifts the goalposts

By Brian Hornsby

GIVEN the Government's intention to reduce the regulatory burden on British business, there are some alarming trends in this country's tax legislation. We need look no further than this year's Financial Bill: 244 clauses, 23 supporting schedules, running to more than 400 pages. When one considers that Finance Bills are an annual event, the burden placed on British businesses to comply with UK tax rules, and pay no more tax than necessary, becomes clear.

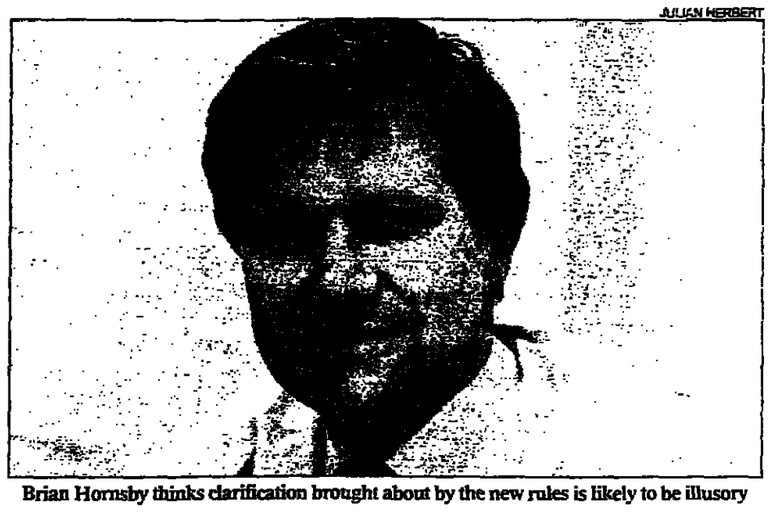
However, our tax system is not by any means the most complex in the world. Pride of place must go surely to America, where thousands of pages of the US Internal Revenue Code are regularly and extensively updated by new legislation passing through the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The code itself, however, pales into insignificance before the further thousands of pages of regulations, which America's tax authorities issue to spell out their interpretation of how the code is intended to operate in certain areas. Regulations can appear in "proposed" or "temporary" form before perhaps progressing to "final" form. This often takes years and, although some reliance can be placed on temporary regulations, it can be difficult for American taxpayers to plan their tax affairs before final regulations are issued.

Could we go the same way in the UK, with our primary tax legislation acting only as a framework for a series of detailed technical pronouncements by the Inland Revenue, which every taxpayer would have to take into account? In one or two areas this is already the case. The trend, however, is clearly to try to legislate in more and more detail in many areas, sometimes on the premise that this "protects" the Inland Revenue from tax avoidance or "clarifies" the technical position.

Nowhere is this attention to detail better demonstrated than in clause 110 of the Finance Bill, which deals with the question of what part of a building purchased for business purposes qualifies for 25 per cent tax allowances as "machinery and plant". In the past this question has been left for tax inspectors to agree with taxpayers in a practical manner, using precedents set in tax courts over the years. Where agreement cannot be reached, the matter has been resolved through a tax-appeal process.

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Brian Hornsby thinks clarification brought about by the new rules is likely to be illusory

Now, however, it is proposed that to "protect the Exchequer by clarifying the boundary between machinery and plant on the one hand and structures on the other", a claim for tax allowances on machinery or plant within a building or structure must take account of a long list of assets. For example, we are told in Schedule AA1 of the Capital Allowances Act 1990 that waste-disposal systems are always part of a building and will not qualify as plant or machinery, but that washbasins, sanitary ware and similar equipment may do; that lift shafts will not qualify, but that lifts themselves may do; that tunnels and aqueducts will not receive allowances but pipelines may.

One could dispute whether, as the Inland Revenue suggests, such changes are really to "protect" the Revenue in the sense of preventing abuse by taxpayers. A better description would be that they are measures introduced because the Revenue perceives a risk of the British independent tax-appeals process reaching decisions which may not be in the Revenue's favour; the Inland Revenue remedy is to move the legislative goalposts to achieve a better result.

More narrowly, however, the "clarification" brought about by these new rules is in my view likely to be illusory. The effect is likely to be that debates and disputes between taxpayers and the Revenue simply move into new areas.

On my desk I have a guide to the system of tax allowances on purchase of assets under the US tax code. The guide runs to 476 pages and included within it are guides to the different rates of allowances on assets ranging from work horses over 12 years old to cable TV preamplifiers. Even as a tax practitioner I do not relish the prospect of UK rules going down the same path.

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Struggle to improve financial reporting

ONE of the big conundrums in financial reporting is how far good practice drives out bad. And how far regulation is needed to try to enforce good practice on those who prefer to provide the minimum of information to users of accounts.

This puzzle will have to be addressed in relation to the issue of the operating and financial review (OFR). The idea behind the use of OFRs is simple and the Accounting Standards Board summed it up well last year. The quality of financial reporting, it said, would be "enhanced" by the inclusion of an OFR in a company's annual report and accounts "in which management might take the opportunity to discuss in a structured way some of the main factors underlying the performance and financial position portrayed in the financial statements".

To allow directors freedom to express themselves, the OFR would be reviewed but not reported on by the auditors. A year on, the first assessments of the system can be attempted. The English ICA this week publishes its traditionally excellent annual survey of published accounts, *Financial Reporting 1993-94*, and devotes a whole chapter to the subject.



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The conclusions are not wholly unexpected. Companies that understand the benefits of good disclosure and have nothing to be embarrassed about have embraced the idea, others have not, says the survey. It also gives a warning: "Since the ASB's statement has no mandatory status, companies with little regard for users' needs or with no good news to report will be tempted to mask their poor performance. Creative minds will not take long to produce an ingenious form of words to put the best gloss on the company's position, performance and prospects. Except in cases of blatant abuse involving information which is positively misleading, auditors are likely to find it very difficult to object to particular drafting of OFR."

Companies have already forced some scaling down of the principles behind the ASB's intentions. To reduce the window-dressing of bank balances or overdrafts, the ASB originally recommended that there should be confirmation that "the enterprise can meet its short-term cash requirements from existing resources or facilities without breaching any borrowing restrictions." But as the survey reports laconically: "This recommendation was not well received" and was dropped from the ASB's statement of what companies ought to be aiming at.

Equally, anomalies are occurring with companies that report in both the UK and America. The latest UK accounts from Hanson, for example, contain one page of financial review. Yet the documents in its 20-F filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission — a requirement for British companies with an American listing — contain 12 pages of closely printed, extremely analytical financial review. Where the UK accounts give more space to pictures of mining equipment than to analysis, the American filing has an immense amount of detail and argument.

From the American review investors gain a real insight into what is happening to their investment. From the UK review they gain a very superficial view, akin to the "simplified" figures companies dole out to employees. Somewhere in the Hanson empire the American analysis is on a word processor.

There is no reason why it should not have appeared, in full or part, in the documents that went to UK investors.

Increasingly, companies are learning the benefits of providing investors with more detail. Last week, Coats Viyella won the Stock Exchange and Chartered Accountants award for the best report and accounts of the year. Catherine Samy, of Merchant Corporate Design, which did the design work on the report, argued that the efforts of the ASB, and in particular the introduction of an OFR, had focused minds. "You can no longer get away with saying that if investors cannot read a balance sheet then hard luck," she argues. "The whole point is to give your shareholders a clear view of what is going on."

But more ominously the survey of accounts suggests that good practice will not drive out bad. "It will not be long before the investing public's attention is drawn to cases of reports from management which appear with hindsight to have been unduly optimistic," it predicted. It then argued that the only way forward would be for the ASB to step in and insist that rules be introduced to govern the OFR and auditors given a policing rather than a reviewing role.

It would be sad if a genuine attempt to enhance the disclosure and information provided for users of accounts was to sink back into another rule-sodden mass.

Musical note for KPMG

KPMG Peat Marwick is making its first sponsorship at Covent Garden, and it has been something of a winner. Massenet's little-known *Chérubin* — so little known that this is its first UK stage production — is in repertory at the Royal Opera House and will be broadcast live tonight. KPMG celebrated the premier with a dinner in the Crush Bar last week. The partners probably thought it prudent of the opera's hero Chérubin to make a will prior to fighting three duels the next day. They might, however, have taken a dim view of his reason — "I gave my fortune for a kiss". Not sound financial advice, and the KPMG partnership would doubtless suggest that there was a poor return on the assets involved.

Up in smoke

THE President's Dinner is one of the high spots in the Scots accounting calendar. Traditionally, it is held in the Great Hall of the Royal College of Physicians. But political correctness has struck. The Scots doctors, it seems, no longer allow smoking in their hall. And the Scots institute, led by its chief executive Peter "Marlboro Man" Johnston, is unwilling to upset the cigar-smoking sensibilities of its members. The solution has been to take the dinner to a stately home, Hopetoun House, even if it means having to go by coach . . . a smoker, of course.

Picasso routes

THE sponsorship of the Picasso: Painter/Sculptor exhibition at the Tate Gallery by Ernst & Young is providing the firm with many, um, promotional opportunities. But amid the wining and dining there is one aspect that is bizarre. The firm says: "We are decorating the shuttle buses that run between our London offices in Picasso trim." Given that one of Picasso's most famous sculptures used a model VW car to portray the head of a baboon, the mind boggles.

WEEP not for the insolvency profession. Work may be drying up, but they still know how to live. This year the annual shindig of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency is to be held in Barcelona. By sheer coincidence, their conference will finish just before the Spanish Grand Prix gets underway. Fancy that.

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A 15th-century Italian friar with a flair for mathematics made the profession what it is today, says **Edward Fennell**

A father for accountancy

A Franciscan friar, Luca Pacioli, born in the middle of the 15th century in an obscure Italian town, is an unlikely candidate for the role of father of the accountancy profession.

Yet throughout the Western world celebrations are being held to mark the 500th anniversary of the publication of Pacioli's masterpiece, *Summa de Arithmetica, Geometria, Proportioni et Proportionalita*, which is widely regarded as the text that signalled the start of accountancy history.

Certainly in England and Wales, the Institute of Chartered Accountants is publicising the anniversary with considerable élan. An exhibition is officially opened today in Moorgate in the City to celebrate the life of Pacioli and a series of lectures and other events will follow over the next few months.

The truth of Pacioli's life is much more complex than the myth would allow: it is commonly assumed that Pacioli "invented" double-entry book-keeping. This is not strictly true. Its origins stretch back to the 13th century.

Pacioli was, however, undoubtedly the father of accountancy textbooks and accountancy education. After the publication of *Summa*, which was really a compendium of mathematical techniques, double-entry book-keeping spread across Western Europe and now dominates the accounting world. Significantly, one of the first skills that enterprises in Eastern Europe needed to be taught by in-coming Western accountants was how to record their financial affairs using the double-entry method.

The paradox of Pacioli, however, is that he was neither a businessman nor, so far as we can tell, did he actually keep any accounts. Instead, he was first and foremost a mathematician. Indeed, he was the most distinguished mathematician of the High Renaissance and spent most of his career in university lecturing. But what made Pacioli outstanding in the 1490s was his keen interest in the practical application of mathematics to everyday life. He spent his twenties in a merchant's household in Venice, and so developed a particular affinity for the business world.

Perhaps even more important, however, were Pacioli's links with the visual arts. He grew up in Sansepolcro, home of the great artist Piero della Francesca, who was also a keen mathematician and a student of perspective. Taken on by Piero as a trainee, Pacioli had a natural rapport with artists thereafter. This culminated in the 1490s when, following the publication of *Summa*, Pacioli was recruited as court mathematician by Lodovico Sforza, duke of Milan.

The court of Sforza was for a short time the focus of the most glittering array of talent the Renaissance had to offer. In the Sforza Palace, Pacioli found himself working alongside Leonardo da Vinci and the architect Bramante as well as Josquin des Près, the leading composer of the time, and other artists, thinkers and scholars.

The collaboration between Pacioli and Leonardo was particularly fruitful. It seems that Pacioli may have contributed his mathematical expertise to the calculations of perspective in *The Last Supper*. Meanwhile, Leonardo undertook a large number of complex three-dimensional geometrical drawings to illustrate Pacioli's second major book on the "Divine Proportion" — the "golden section", as the Victorians called it.

While he was in Milan, Pacioli's influence as a mathematical pioneer — preaching its benefits to specialists in other fields — was at its peak. Regrettably, the idyll did not last long. Sforza may have been generous to his courtiers but he was maladroit in his rule of the Milanese and in his handling of international politics. In 1500, his power collapsed in the face of an invading French army.



A portrait of Luca Pacioli by Jacopo de Barbari, pictured here giving a lecture on Euclid

Pacioli fled to Venice with Leonardo and established himself in Florence and then Bologna, where he probably met Dürer and encouraged in him, too, an enthusiasm for mathematics and geometry. His last appointment was as a teacher at Pope Leo X's newly reconstituted University of Rome. However, by this stage he was enfeebled and he died, back in Sansepolcro, in 1517.

Pacioli's real importance is as a transmitter of knowledge and understanding. He invented very little but he codified and communicated to great effect — not least to his extraordinarily gifted contemporaries.

● *The exhibition "Figures in Proportion: Art, Science and the Business Renaissance", is open to the public at The ICAEW, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2 (071-920 8100), from February 25 until May 27 (weekdays only), 9.30am to 5pm. Admission free*

An audit of the auditors

Modern ethics are shaped in the light of global practice

Luca Pacioli played the role of the present-day chartered accountant when he advised merchants in the 15th century.

As a Franciscan friar, Pacioli was also concerned with business ethics and he would have identified with the present-day Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW), which, as well as promoting the development of accountancy, must establish and maintain ethics and also discipline its members when necessary.

Andrew Colquhoun, chief executive of the ICAEW, says: "We need to intervene to maintain standards of competence and we need to support the intellectual development of the profession. But what we do also has to be seen as relevant to the typical practitioner."

In audit regulation, for example, Mary Keegan, the national technical partner at Price Waterhouse, says that the globalisation of business means that accountants must broaden horizons. National standards are shaped by cultural outlook — in Germany, for example, the emphasis is on prudence; in the UK the need is to capture transactions in the current year. As a result, there can be conflicting treatments of the same set of financial information. Interpretation is culturally dependent.

"Ultimately, the auditor is at the service of the shareholder," Ms Keegan says. "Increasingly, it is the international business community which will shape the standards we follow."

In the light of this, it is not surprising that large firms of accountants regard overseas experience as essential for their high-flyers. Although basic numeracy is essential, the demand now is for people with innate qualities such as being lively, personable and self-assured.

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Fine art of business computing

The collaboration between Luca Pacioli, the mathematician, and artists such as Leonardo da Vinci has powerful echoes in contemporary developments in the arts. More remarkable, however, is the cross-fertilisation between art, mathematics and business in a way Pacioli would have recognised.

Featured within the exhibition "Figures in Proportion" is the work of computer-based artist William Latham and mathematician Stephen Todd from IBM's UK Scientific Centre.

In the past few years, the pair have collaborated on projects which have pushed forward the boundaries of computer art. Their activity reaches its widest audience yet at the end of March when the Royal Festival Hall hosts "Organic Television", a video installation.

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He adds: "By using Mutator in conjunction with a business package, it will be possible for executives to run through a range of possible scenarios, refining them as they go."

As Pacioli commented in 1494, "He who does business without knowing all about it, sees his money go like flies." Mutator may help.

Double entry in history books

As an accounting tool, double-entry book-keeping is as popular today as ever because it continues to provide the essential systematic discipline for recording business activity.

Paul Masters, the head of training at Price Waterhouse, the accountant, says: "Confronted by a complex international financial transaction of the most sophisticated kind, our partners would still want to go back to the first principles of double-entry to establish what was going on."

The world of big business, however, long ago dispensed with the journals and ledgers described by Pacioli. Instead, the concepts live on in the accountancy software packages which have taken their place.

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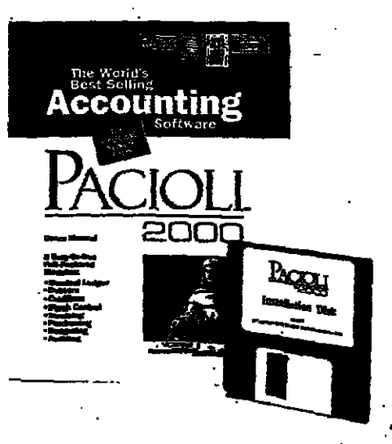
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59	13	Bellwinch	56	...	...	...	...
243	98	Berkeley Ind	224	...	...	1.4	20.8
573	285½	Berkeley Gp	553	...	...	1.4	20.8
153	45	Bett Bros	153	...	...	1.6	19.8
93	36	Blacklays	75	...	1.0	1.7	...
391	199	Blue Circle	358	...	...	3.9	...
253	220	Bovis (Reserv)	240	...	6.0	2.2	19.0
117	78	Bredero PLC	110	...	4.6	5.2	27.0
154	82	Br Dredging	150	...	5.2	4.3	33.3
98	45	Brit Palings	91	...	1.7	2.4	...
197½	99	Bryant	188 †	...	...	3.2	28.3
148	93	CALA	145	...	...	2.0	...
300	208	CRH	276	...	...	2.3	20.6
70	18	Calebrand Hldg	58	...	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	39	- 1	...	...	...
115	69½	Countryside	74	+ 1	...	3.0	∞
215	97½	Crest Nicholson	112 †	...	...	2.7	...
140	27	Cussins	133	...	0.9	...	...
29½	15	Edmund Hidgs	20½	...	0.3	1.8	...
202	178	Epwin	200	...	7.0	2.9	25.4
58	32	Ecsa	53	- 2	0.3	0.6	...
508	252	Eve Groups	458 †	...	...	2.8	17.3
265	97	Freeman Grp A	229	...	6.0	3.3	35.8
60	38	Galliford	59	...	...	2.1	...
102	52	Gibbs & Dandy	101	...	...	2.5	17.9
1028	695	Glenan (AG)	1028	+ 3	...	2.9	...
8284	75	Hawden-Stuart	161	+ 1	...	2.1	34.5
51	28	Hewetson	51	...	...	3.1	37.3
473	173	Heywd Wtm	430	- 2	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	131	- 1	2.5	2.4	...
38	26	How Gp	30	...	...	3.3	...
32	15	Howard Hidgs	30	...	0.5	2.1	...
101	39	Hubert Johnsen	96	...	1.0	1.0	...
628	196	Jarvis	209	...	...	...	...
184	109	Laing (J)	169	...	9.0	2.8	16.3
164	109	-do- A 4% Cv Pf	135	-	...	5.2	...
145	58	Lk Cheshire	145	...	...	4.1	20.5
230	100	Lovell (T)	149	- 2	...	3.4	17.7
1338	1030	Lynton	1290	+ 5	...	3.9	17.1
1460	467½	Schroders	1325	-28	...	1.2	25.4
1437	570	Stand Chart	1280	-36	20.5	2.0	...
291	145½	TSB	244 †	+ 1	...	2.8	16.6
206	78	Union Disc	196	...	3.0	1.9	∞
1012	528	Wasburg SG	888	+ 5	...	2.7	13.1
9345½	4808½	Wells Fargo	9235½	+231½	...	2.2	...
240	121	Westpac	202	+ 4	...	2.2	...
390	188	Wintrust	389	...	...	1.2	33.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

748	463	ADT	694	-15	...	...	...
403	198	Adams & Harvey	403	+ 3	13.0	4.0	7.4
92	56	Alt Landscape	68	...	2.5	4.2	12.1
67	27	African Lakes	61	...	2.0	4.1	...
178	93	Attn Sec	133	...	...	5.7	23.8
162	84	BET Ord	144	+ 1½	...	2.8	5.8
145	41	BKB Rts	144	...	...	4.2	...
185	91	BSM	180	...	...	3.9	16.2
185	154	BSM	185	...	...	3.9	16.2
285	195	Barbour Index	219	...	...	6.1	4.3
22	15	Brostand	22	...	...	6.7	4.6
299	186	Brit Trust Hldg	299	...	...	2.5	17.9
29	11	Broadcastlee	28	...	...	...	22.3
75	48	Brooks Service	72	...	...	0.9	...
114	66	CKF Gp	114	...	...	3.3	20.6
340	139½	Capita Group	215	...	...	1.4	33.6
59	31	Carlton Pic	59	...	...	2.0	21.3
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	34½	...	...	...	...
84	26	Clarkslie	84	+ 2	...	...	...
623	228	Combi Sec	360	+ 5	...	1.7	24.2
132	90	Comax	130	+ 3	...	1.7	28.7
48	6½	Corp Services	48	...	...	...	...
97	30	Cpass Cnstg	94	- 1	...	...	...
179	50	Dext	159	...	...	3.3	2.6
276	198	Davis Service	264	...	...	...	21.6
206	151	Dawson Int	206	...	...	4.4	3.7
113½	93	Darley	105	+ 3	...	4.2	17.3
155	61	Marshalls	139 †	+ 3	...	...	3.6
253	122	Maunsden (J)	251	...	...	2.6	24.2
330	163	McAlpine (A)	323	...	...	2.6	∞
73½	33	McKinley & S	74	...	...	0.5	0.8
369	272	Meyer Int	333	+ 4	...	2.3	53.4
189	62	Mowlem (J)	188	...	...	4.0	27.7
206	51	NSM	206	+ 4	...	...	...
53	41	Needler ∞	41	...	...	...	14.1
196	106	Newman Thke	178	...	...	4.7	23.8
382	197	Persimmon	364	- 4	8.6	3.0	37.1
26	9	Phoenix Timber	18	...	...	...	...
1760½	1230½	Pochin	1730½	...	28.0	2.0	28.5
198	80	Prowting	198	+ 3	3.4	2.9	...
1076	555	RMC Gp	950½	...	...	3.6	35.7
1035	669	Johnson Clean	1035	...	...	26.7	22.4
15	2½	Rainte Ind	102	...	...	...	...
362	173	Mitie Gp	362	...	...	4.0	14.4
1234½	883½	Manpower	1140½	...	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	77½	...	...	8.0	9.2
5½	2	Prime Peoples ∞	4½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	80	...	...	23.4	6.4
423	337	RDD	400	...	...	15.2	4.8
118	86	REA	110	...	...	2.0	2.5
187	127	Read Executive	125	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Secs	131 †	...	...	4.6	4.3
239	178	Rentokil	201	+ 2	2.5	1.2	22.5
368	220	Robt & Nelsn	358	...	...	3.4	24.7
399	280	Rotaprint (C)	280	- 2	...	3.5	18.6
58	26	Sanx Pickford's	56	...	...	0.8	1.8
17½	5	Select Appts	13½	...	...	...	...
1338	685	Serco Gp	1333	...	...	13.3	1.2
352	83	Sherwd Comps	87	+ 2	...	10.1	2.3
130	69	Shenley	115	...	...	3.3	26.3
353	310	Warner Howard	336	...	...	6.6	2.5
45	27	Welpac	30	...	...	...	...
304	14	Wilk Gp	289	...	...	1.8	19.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

280	210	Allied Colloids	273	+ 2	...	2.0	25.1
1064	615	Amersham	1049	+ 1	...	1.7	30.2
7	1½	Anglo Ord	3½	...	...	...	...
£118½	£325	BASF Dfd	£116½	+23½	...	5.4	...
373	199	BTF	346	...	...	3.4	27.8
£144½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£142½	+13½	...	3.7	...
185	105	Bingden	181	- 3	8.5	4.5	19.5
165	93	Brent Chems	151	...	...	7.6	11.1
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	388	...	...	...	...
29	5	Cebrd Gp	11½	...	...	...	31.9
199	126	Cmning (W)	180	+ 1	7.2	5.1	20.6
475	388	Cantab Pharms	439	...	...	...	...
608	427	Courtaulds	492	+ 9	...	3.6	12.3
337	228	Crode	327	+ 4	...	2.6	21.6
149	103	Dartfrd	132	...	4.6	3.4	10.1
282	175	Ellis & Everard	270 †	- 1	...	3.4	22.6
62½	15½	Exro Colour	40	...	0.8	2.0	19.1
351	259	Hairtrex (I)	346	...	...	2.3	17.1
241	150	Hickson	195	...	...	5.1	18.1
£125½	£650	Hoechst	£118½	+3½	...	5.1	...
274	157	Holliday Chem	209	+ 1	...	2.2	19.2
891	603	ICI	752	+ 4	...	4.6	...
843	576	Laporte	841	+15	19.9	5.0	23.2
248	181	Leigh	227	...	...	4.5	19.1
97½	35	MTM	66	...	...	...	...
2365½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2318½	-12½	...	1.4	∞
825	370	Petrofina 'Exch	625	...	...	2.6	20.1
395	260	-do- 'A'	395	...	...	3.5	21.2
306	193	Plysn	269	...	...	...	...

DRAPERY, STORES

812	53	Alexon	76	...	...	4.9	...
268	173	Allders	228	...	...	3.3	17.0
410	257	Argos Plc	358	+ 2	...	2.5	30.6
29	8	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.0	...
116	69	Ashley (Laura)	94	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	276	Asprey	339	- 1	5.2	1.6	21.0
199	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
168	125	Bemalls 'A'	166	...	...	4.6	16.6
150	94	Bernards	147	...	1.9	1.3	...
229	155	Bellgreave	154	+ 1	...	1.7	18.4
47	22	Blacks Leis	30	...	2.2	7.2	...
263½	135	Body Shop	246	+ 2	...	0.6	31.7
192	9	Brown & Jackso	9½	...	6.5	2.4	20.5
491	318	Brown (N)	481	- 5	...	1.9	26.3
85½	53½	Burton	51½	- 1½	...	4.9	76.5
245	186	Cantors	228	...	...	1.1	32.6
520	306	Church	441	...	12.5	5.5	39.2
183	97	Citizen Cards	163	...	4.3	3.3	19.7
287	212	Costs Viyella	263	- 3½	...	3.6	36.3
120	78	Colorvision ∞	97 †	...	5.0	7.7	18.3
181	156	Cory Counsls	167	...	...	3.1	15.5
435	274	Courts Furnish	375	...	8.0	2.1	14.0
205	115	Crown Spec	205	+10	7.5	4.6	14.0
137	89	Dalry Farm Int	112½	- 1½	...	3.2	16.3
109½	51½	Dewhirst (J)	108	- ½	0.8	0.9	34.7
283	189	Dixons Grp	213 †	+ 2	...	3.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	11	...	...	...	...
580	408	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
284½	71	Estate Farm	261	+10	...	1.3	44.7
225	183	Etam	205	...	3.0	3.6	22.2
688	385	First Art Dev	578	...	13.0	3.2	16.6
78	36	First Earth Tiles	49	...	...	4.0	9.1
713	408	Formtiner	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	28	French Conn ∞	144	...	...	...	...
74	45	Gent Sh	64	+ 2	...	...	...
109	59	Goldsmiths Gp	90	+ 3	0.3	0.4	...
859	534	GUS	688 †	- 7	...	2.4	16.6
48	23	Hampden Grp ∞	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
77	38	Harrisons	72	...	...	...	...
339	20	Harvey Nic	309	+ 1	2.0	0.2	144
110	39	Heritage ∞	93	...	...	...	...
88	39	Honeysuckle	88	...	...	3.3	12.5
81	53	Jacques Vert	69	...	...	3.0	16.0
786	496	Kingfisher	697	...	...	2.9	20.9
183	95	Kwik Save	156	...	4.0	2.6	...
665	498	Liberty	593	...	7.2	1.7	65.9
1030	782	Lindex (Fria)	1030	+ 2	...	2.7	17.0
184	122	Lk Sciences	155	+ 1	3.7	3.0	20.3
464½	311	Marks Spencer	430	+ 2	...	2.4	22.9
680	445	Mcarales (John)	624	+ 2	...	2.7	17.5
288	135	Moss Bros	268	+ 2	5.5	2.4	23.5
1309	860	Next	1178	...	15.0	2.8	26.1
46	16	Oliver (G)	45	...	...	...	...
197	95	Ordlingue Ind	185	- 5	...	4.3	14.0
58	28	Penno	58	...	0.8	2.6	7.9
213	165	QS Hldgs	208	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	30½	Rhini Grp ∞	38	...	...	...	...
120	88	Rosebys	104	...	...	3.0	24.5
181	126	Sherwood Grp	172	...	...	1.9	15.5
252	167	Sears	225	+ 4	...	2.6	49.3
41½	11	Signet Group	37	+ 1	...	...	...
400	268	Smith WH 'A'	342 †	+ 2	...	3.6	18.5
127	83	-do- B	118 †	+ 2½	...	3.1	19.2
34	9½	Stanbridge ∞	9½	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	232	+ 1	...	2.6	22.4
198	148	T & S Stores	182	- 1	6.0	4.1	13.5
173	71	Tie Rack	156	...	...	1.6	26.5
1060	726	Time Products	957	...	27.2	3.8	21.2
131	68	Usher (Frankie)	128	- 2	6.0	5.0	10.9
402	302	Vendome	402	...	...	1.8	19.7
37	22	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
42	42	WRW Group	39½	...	...	2.9	43.1
49	34	Wearwell ∞	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wicks	118	+ 1	1.0	1.1	...
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187	136	ACT Group	182	+ 3½	...	3.4	18.3
276	223	Acsle	265	...	...	3.0	16.1
495	385	Admiral	493	+ 1	5.7	1.4	20.9
188	104	Alba	185	- 1	...	3.3	20.9
30	19½	Alphameric	29	+ ½	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	36½	+ ½	...	1.7	...
128	61	App Holos	98	...	...	...	...
43	9	Arden	35	...	...	...	8.3
94½	35½	Aztec	92½	...	...	...	6.3
277	220	Baird	266	...	...	1.4	31.7
265	224	Beales Hunter	236 †	...	...	4.3	17.1
9	2	Bement & Pound	3	...	...	...	...
978	349	BICC	955	- 1	19.2	3.3	...
288	168	Bilick	256	...	...	2.5	19.1
1700	925	Borland ∞	1570	...	...	...	...
384	220	Bowthorpe	357	- 3	...	2.4	23.7
4899	376	BT	427	...	...	4.6	21.7
3729	310	BT 'PF'	318	- 1	...	4.6	20.7
20	9½	Bdgin (AP) 'A'	16½	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Barnfield	72	...	5.7	10.0	11.4
545	334½	Cable Wireless	480 †	+ 3	...	2.0	25.1
38	11½	Chloride	32	+ ½	...	1.7	...
276	220	CMS Micros	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
157	74	Computer People	135	...	...	...	...
202	108½	Cray Elect	192½	...	...	1.1	18.7
467	343	Crtchley	462	...	...	1.4	25.5
580	414	Data	532	...	...	1.5	22.2
388	205	Datamatch Ent	378 †	...	...	1.4	18.6
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77	48	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.3
1635	865	Dwda	1635	...	10.3	0.8	32.6
388	288	Electrocomps	336	...	...	2.0	28.6
770	570	El Data Prc	685	...	...	1.2	16.3
175	45	Electron House	161 †	- 2	...	2.1	23.1
35	10½	Emess	29½	- ½	0.4	1.4	...
774	442	Euromarm	749 †	+ 7	...	1.6	20.4
318	158	FKI	296	...	...	2.8	21.5
698	340	Farnell Elect	588	- 2	...	1.4	31.3
91	33	Feedback	84½	...	...	3.9	8.7
236	101	Flex Tech	217 †	...	...	0.8	26.4
220	81	Forward Grp	205	...	4.0	2.1	16.6
225	134	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
369½	264	GEC	334 †	+ 2½	10.4	3.9	16.7
199	132	Grasby	185	...	...	7.4	38.9
14½	7	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
52	15	Hillsdown ∞	42	...	0.5	1.5	...
107	118	Ind Control	100	...	...	3.7	18.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	369 †	...	...	3.0	14.8
227	28	Kelsmoon	127	+ 7	2.7	2.7	39.5
18	9	Kershaw	14	...	...	...	...
360	260	Kingwood App	345 †	...	...	2.5	21.6
298	47	Kewill Sys ∞	274	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
48	16	Laser-Scan ∞	25	- 2	...	...	...
265	122	LSI Log ∞	242	- 2	0.7	0.7	20.0
498	295	Lec Refrig	293	...	7.2	2.4	9.0
178	120	Lk Sciences	155	+ 1	3.7	3.0	16.0
514	364	Logica	510	...	...	...	16.6
46½	14	LPA Ind ∞	47 †	...	...	...	35.7
229	162	Mtl Data Mngmnt	206	- 2	...	3.1	19.5
723	533	Macro 4	670	+ 5	...	3.7	19.9
491	175	Marconi-Sys ∞	377	+ 2	...	2.1	19.7
908	903	Micro Focus	908	+ 2	...	2.2	9.2
222	144	Microgen	166 †	- 2	1.2	5.5	∞
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359	267	Misys	350 †	- 3	...	1.2	20.1
307	184	Mitel	305	-68	...	...	...
271	108	MMT Comps ∞	161	+ 1	...	3.1	21.9
53	16	Mytrom	27½	...	1.3	6.9	...
272	202	NTL Inca	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Multitone Elect	141	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	58	Murray Ent	137 †	...	...	1.8	∞
3026½	2333½	NYSE	2933½	+65½	...	...	...
198	121	Neotronics	121 †	...	...	2.7	21.1
65	42	Newmark (J)	55	...	...	...	...
369	248	Norbains	349	+ 5	...	0.5	26.9
73	20	Northamber	65	+ 1	0.6	1.2	...
155	5	Oxonica	8	...	...	...	...
358	196	Oxford Inst	336 †	...	4.6	1.6	24.5
129	29	P & F	81	...	2.0	3.3	∞
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071 374 4100
American Growth 57.28 61.03 +0.30 ..
(Accum Units) 57.28 61.03 +0.20 ..
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(Accum Units) 527.20 563.70 +1.90 ..
Capital Tst 342.00 363.70 -0.70 1.25
(Accum Units) 481.30 511.90 -0.90 1.25
Conv Smlr Cos 61.03 65.63 +0.02 0.15
(Accum Units) 63.80 68.61 -0.02 0.15
Convertible 145.40 155.70 -0.20 4.36
(Accum Units) 283.70 301.70 -0.40 4.36
Emerging Markets 91.65 97.91 +0.23 ..
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European 120.00 127.60 -0.90 0.04
(Accum Units) 125.10 133.00 -0.90 0.04
Extra Income 355.30 377.40 -0.70 2.97
(Accum Units) 515.10 547.90 -1.00 2.97
Financial 127.70 137.40 -0.20 0.35
(Accum Units) 133.70 143.80 -0.20 0.35
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Health Fund Inc 148.80 158.90 +0.30 ..
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(Accum Units) 301.40 320.60 +0.20 2.93
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(Accum Units) 435.30 467.20 +1.70 ..
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(Accum Units) 202.70 217.10 -1.70 ..
Managed Port Inc 112.10 117.90 +0.20 0.55
(Accum Units) 117.90 123.90 +0.10 0.55
Monthly Income 181.90 193.40 -0.10 3.03
Quarterly Income 57.58 61.24 +0.12 3.97
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Income Funds
Preference Share 27.58 29.50 -0.07 9.58
High Income 36.42 38.95 -0.07 4.97
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Gold & Intl Res 113.26 121.13 -1.70 0.57
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Overseas Funds
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Euro Sel Opps 133.30 141.42 -1.15 0.20
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Pacific Growth 249.34 266.67 -0.26 ..
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UK Emerging Cos 71.17 75.71 -0.13 ..
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Japan Gwth 89.01 94.17 -1.56 ..
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Pacific Strategy 169.51 180.68 -3.02 0.15
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Growth Equity 350.90 374.80 -0.80 1.67
Income Trust 131.70 140.70 -0.70 2.85
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UK Smaller Cos 131.87 141.75 -0.12 0.77
High Income Funds
Income & Growth 291.12 310.04 -0.10 2.49
High Income 351.81 376.07 -0.14 3.24
Extra Income 305.75 325.49 -0.54 4.10
Pref & Gilt 50.03 53.77 -0.06 7.54
International
International 282.70 301.14 +1.14 ..
Global Bond 59.03 62.79 -0.07 5.93
Family of Funds 85.32 91.08 -0.15 0.13
Global Tech 158.90 169.94 +1.13 ..
Overseas Funds
Asian Enterprise 196.19 211.93 +1.78 ..
European 479.04 507.51 -2.99 0.36
European Income 86.29 91.31 +0.76 2.15
Euro Smlr Cos 150.40 160.89 -0.90 0.15
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Japan Special Sits 251.08 267.59 -1.55 ..
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American Smaller 110.93 118.57 +0.10 ..
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American Growth 58.69 62.21 +0.05 ..
Eur Sp Sits 58.69 62.21 +0.05 ..
European 43.56 46.16 -0.25 ..
General Growth 62.18 65.91 +0.44 ..
Global Tech 43.73 46.35 -0.02 ..
Income Growth 26.61 28.20 -0.15 ..
Japan Growth 41.28 43.72 -0.17 ..
Overseas Growth 23.30 24.69 -0.17 ..
Smaller Cos 30.80 32.64 -0.02 ..
Special Opps .. .. ..
Sterling Liquidity 51.52 54.61 -0.22 ..
Wwide Sp Sits

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British 103.50 110.60 .. 1.70
Capital 180.80 193.30 -0.70 1.33
Dollar 353.80 378.30 -1.80 ..
European 241.20 257.90 -2.20 0.21
Far East 369.10 394.70 -3.90 0.06
Financial 874.40 935.10 -1.50 0.86
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 27.88 28.96 -0.30 7.07
High Yield 117.00 125.10 -0.30 3.60
Income & Growth 155.00 165.70 .. 2.78
International 260.60 278.70 -1.90 0.01
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Nat Resources 77.48 82.86 -0.20 ..
Portfolio 77.58 82.97 -0.14 1.61
Security 343.50 367.30 -0.60 1.68
Smaller Cos 146.60 156.70 +3.10 0.82
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UK Emerging Cos 97.06 103.80 .. 0.03
US Smaller Cos 78.68 84.14 -0.67 ..

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Eurotrack 100 158.00 168.00 -1.90 0.95
Footsie Fund 54.79 57.94 -0.12 2.37
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Tiger Index 220.40 235.20 -2.20 0.18
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Active Funds
American Growth 490.30 523.10 +1.50 0.16
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Capital 627.80 670.00 -1.20 2.00
European Growth 111.20 118.10 +0.60 ..
Global Bond 24.37 25.69 +0.09 5.77
Hong Kong Gwth 130.60 139.40 +1.70 0.48
Income 592.20 632.00 -0.10 3.48
Intl Growth 82.29 87.70 +0.43 0.06
Japan Growth 302.70 323.10 -0.20 ..
Japan Smllr Cos 37.74 40.28 -0.02 ..
Spore & Mlysn Gth 82.84 89.41 +3.10 ..
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Enquiries 0742 529076
Balanced 62.57 66.90 -0.14 2.13
(Accum Units) 64.33 68.78 -0.14 2.13
British Tst 86.67 92.70 -0.09 1.83
(Accum Units) 99.77 106.70 -0.10 1.83
Extra High Inc 75.82 81.09 -0.18 5.46
(Accum Units) 139.00 148.60 -0.30 5.46
Gilt & Fxd Int 59.16 61.59 -0.17 6.16
(Accum Units) 162.10 168.80 -0.40 6.16
High Yield 247.00 264.20 -0.40 4.32
(Accum Units) 592.80 634.00 -1.00 4.32
Income 315.60 337.50 -0.10 2.70
(Accum Units) 674.70 721.60 -0.30 2.70
Japan Growth 347.80 372.00 .. ..
(Accum Units) 367.10 392.60 .. ..
Mandarin Tst 138.30 147.90 .. 0.59
(Accum Units) 144.60 154.60 .. 0.59
Money Market UT 49.25 49.25 .. 4.67
(Accum Units) 74.73 74.73 .. 4.67
Monthly Income 92.63 99.07 -0.30 3.83
North American .. .. ..
(Accum Units) .. .. ..
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
British 103.10 109.70 -0.10 1.79
European Growth 107.20 114.00 -0.60 0.02
Gilt & Fixed 87.18 92.53 -0.25 6.00
Income 90.77 96.56 -0.03 2.73
Japan Growth 57.34 61.00 +0.05 ..
Managed 69.33 73.75 -0.16 2.38
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Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust
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Income 89.20 94.89 -0.03 2.71
Japan Growth 57.17 60.82 +0.05 ..
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Gilt & Fixed Int 76.95 81.68 -0.23 6.04
Income 98.65 94.31 -0.03 2.71
Japan Growth 58.56 62.30 +0.05 ..
Managed 69.67 74.12 -0.16 2.34
Money Market 72.08 76.40 .. 4.56
North American 90.95 96.76 +0.16 0.43

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Special Features 33.76 35.86 -0.07 1.18
(Accum Units) 40.24 42.75 -0.09 1.18
General Funds
Assets & Earnings 80.30 85.31 +0.17 1.69
Accum Units 96.54 102.50 -0.20 1.70
General Equities 77.09 81.90 -0.20 2.49
Great British Cos 55.05 58.81 -0.07 1.52
Managed Invest 105.10 112.20 -0.30 1.05
PEP Managed 75.56 80.61 -0.17 1.95
Rupert Child Tst 85.41 91.03 +0.19 1.64
UK Growth 62.36 66.63 -0.01 1.40
High Income Funds
Cashbox (Dist) 50.09 50.09 .. 3.64
Cashbox (Acc) 57.39 57.39 .. 3.64
Extra Income 90.74 97.00 .. 4.32
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Income & Growth 44.54 47.47 -0.02 2.96
Mineral Gilt & FI 81.00 82.80 -0.27 7.27
Preference Shares 19.76 20.99 -0.02 5.71
UK Income 355.80 379.40 -0.40 2.95
Sector Specialist Funds
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Property Shares 88.36 94.73 -0.71 0.97
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US Smaller Cos 124.70 131.90 -0.30 ..
(Accum Units) 126.00 133.30 +0.10 ..
Europe Perf 152.50 162.10 -0.90 ..
(Accum Units) 158.00 167.60 -1.00 ..
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UK Growth 55.23 58.75 -0.35 0.91
International 90.29 96.06 -0.01 0.23
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European 117.11 124.21 -0.30 ..
Far Eastern 363.10 386.30 -2.10 ..

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(Accum Units) 412.80 470.40 +2.76 5.24
Smlr Cos Dis 92.42 98.40 -0.03 2.71
(Accum Units) 94.26 97.32 -0.05 2.61
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Income & Gwth 82.40 87.66 -0.08 3.42
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Japan 68.48 72.85 -0.33 ..
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International 103.20 109.80 +0.40 0.40
Recovery Trust 69.47 73.90 -0.10 1.17
European Trust 86.68 92.21 +0.03 0.70
Japanese Trust 48.86 51.98 +0.31 ..
American Trust 84.50 89.89 -0.12 ..
Managed 70.62 75.13 .. 0.37
Cash 51.68 51.68 +0.01 4.03

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UK Cap 367.60 373.40 .. 2.85
UK Inc/Gth 398.80 404.90 .. 2.85
UK Income 282.90 287.40 .. 3.45
UK Sm Cos 269.20 278.60 .. 1.31
Euro Gwth 122.90 123.90 .. ..
N Amer Gwth 81.66 84.69 .. 0.22
Jap & Pac Gth 88.04 89.28 .. ..
Money Mkt 117.53 117.53 .. 2.340

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Equity Income 106.00 112.80 -1.20 3.28
UK Tactical Allocn 59.12 62.78 +0.40 3.54
European 117.80 125.10 +1.30 0.60
Far Eastern 259.70 276.30 +3.40 ..
Fixed Interest 56.42 59.92 -0.03 6.46
Gilt 97.73 103.80 -0.10 5.71
Global Growth 84.16 89.53 -0.60 0.29
Intl Bond 56.31 59.81 -0.07 4.77
Japanese 80.78 85.94 +0.50 ..
North American 159.50 169.70 +0.80 0.24
Pacific Growth 136.50 145.20 +1.70 ..
UK Index 65.77 69.41 +0.12 2.62
UK Recovery 97.29 103.50 -0.10 1.46
UK Smaller Cos 131.90 140.30 -0.20 0.97
US Index 61.30 64.70 +0.41 1.65
European Index 74.55 78.68 -0.70 1.38
Japan Index 43.85 46.07 +0.03 ..
Worldwide 90.23 95.99 -0.34 0.98

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081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621
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Income 62.15 66.65 +0.10 3.47
Far East 63.00 67.38 +0.15 ..
North American 104.60 112.50 +0.90 ..
Global 105.80 113.20 +0.05 0.80
European 90.34 96.53 +0.05 0.80
Japan 119.70 128.00 .. ..
Intl Currency Bd 60.17 63.79 +0.04 5.97
SE Asia 131.50 140.60 +1.30 0.67
UK Cap Growth 97.11 103.90 +0.40 1.75

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-do- Acc 802.40 853.70 -1.40 2.38
Contl Euro Gth 63.26 66.59 +0.27 0.89
-do- Acc 67.38 70.93 +0.29 0.89
Extra Inc 273.80 291.30 -0.90 3.32
-do- Acc 686.60 730.50 -2.10 3.32
German Gth 122.20 128.70 +0.80 0.05
-do- Acc 128.20 135.00 -0.20 0.05
Growth Port 579.50 616.50 -0.20 0.03
-do- Acc 584.30 621.70 -0.20 0.03
Income 513.90 546.80 -1.10 3.17
-do- Acc 1341.0 1427.0 -3.00 3.17
Income Port 536.40 570.70 -1.30 3.68
-do- Acc 551.30 586.50 -1.40 3.68
Japan Growth 113.00 120.30 +1.00 ..
-do- Acc 113.40 120.70 +1.10 ..
Master Trust 61.74 65.69 -0.01 1.14
-do- Acc 67.98 72.32 -0.01 1.14
N American Gen 203.60 216.60 +0.20 ..
-do- Acc 235.20 250.30 +0.30 ..
NAm Sm Co Rec 155.80 165.80 -0.50 ..
-do- Acc 159.00 169.20 -0.50 ..
Pacific Basin 305.90 325.50 +2.60 0.29
-do- Acc 324.60 345.40 +2.80 0.29
Small Cos Rec 381.10 405.40 -0.40 1.85
-do- Acc 505.80 532.50 -0.50 1.85
UK Growth 90.62 96.41 +1.15 1.92
-do- Acc 107.60 114.50 +1.20 1.92
Worldwide Gth 346.40 368.60 +1.20 0.20
-do- Acc 511.00 543.70 +1.70 0.20

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
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American 68.00 72.96 -0.02 0.30
General 92.25 98.98 -0.09 2.30
Income 74.20 79.61 -0.19 4.50
International 68.51 73.51 -0.09 0.70
Japan 59.68 64.08 +0.44 ..
Tst of Inv Trusts 73.52 78.88 +0.17 1.50

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390
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Amer Recovery 479.30 506.90 +1.10 0.26
Amer Smllr Cos 138.00 145.90 +0.50 ..
Australasian 186.50 197.30 -3.00 1.13
Capital 849.80 898.70 -3.00 1.86
Charifund 740.80 748.30 -6.80 4.88
Commodity 401.00 424.10 -0.40 0.36
Compound Grth 963.00 1018.4 -4.60 2.32
Dividend 42.60 45.00 -0.30 3.93
Equity Income 372.40 393.80 -1.60 4.39
Euro & General 514.10 543.70 -0.30 0.48
Euro Dividend 74.00 78.30 -0.10 3.22
Extra Yield 448.20 471.90 -4.30 4.16
Far Eastern 410.30 433.90 +0.40 0.16
Fund of Inv Tsts 649.90 687.20 -1.80 1.70
General 64.00 67.70 -0.40 3.44
Gilt Income 60.63 66.75 -0.21 6.66
Gold 69.70 73.70 -1.10 0.56
High Income 30.50 32.30 -0.30 4.13
Intl Growth 82.30 87.00 -0.10 0.69
International Inc 108.50 114.70 -0.30 4.06
Japan & Gen 51.10 54.00 -0.40 ..
Japan Smllr Cos 177.70 187.90 -3.00 ..
Managed Income 29.50 31.00 -0.17 3.57
Midland 68.70 72.60 -0.20 2.30
Pension Ex 985.10 1009.7 -8.40 3.65
Recovery 44.40 47.00 -0.20 2.02
Second General 75.70 80.00 -0.40 3.13
Smaller Cos 76.50 90.90 -0.10 2.31
Treasury 25.01 25.04 -0.01 4.70
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High Income 311.90 331.90 -0.40 4.07
Intl Bond 69.80 73.46 +0.14 4.72
Intl Equity Growth 73.41 78.09 -0.59 0.30
N Amer Growth 100.83 107.26 +0.65 0.24
Special Sits Growth 23.60 25.10 .. 1.50
UK Growth 393.20 418.20 -0.20 2.30

MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD
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062 082 5867
Joint Investors 1355.0 1366.9 .. 2.57

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031 222 4242
Maldon General 153.80 158.20 .. 3.64

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Dealing: 0438 747 414
Growth Units 201.90 215.90 -0.50 1.82
Gilt & Fxd Int 184.60 194.30 -0.50 6.93
Intl Growth 222.30 237.80 -0.50 0.15
North American 188.80 202.40 +0.40 0.33
Far East 299.30 320.10 +0.70 0.77
UK Smaller Cos 182.80 195.50 -0.20 1.32
European 81.84 87.57 -0.44 0.20
Japanese Growth 49.66 52.96 +0.27 ..
Managed Pflio 72.08 77.06 +0.08 1.31
High Income 195.80 209.40 -1.20 3.88

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-do- Accum 179.10 190.50 .. 1.98
UK Sel Pflio 134.90 143.50 .. 1.70
-do- Accum 153.80 163.60 .. 1.70

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Managed Tst 72.22 76.83 .. 3.15

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European 84.97 90.20 -0.18 0.41
Income & Growth 82.63 87.72 -0.07 2.40
Nth American 61.67 65.47 +0.60 0.33
Far East 188.60 200.20 -1.50 ..
Charities 125.90 133.70 -0.40 3.21
Japan 59.73 63.41 +0.40 ..
Emging Mkts 135.10 144.50 -0.50 0.16
Intl Growth 117.10 124.30 +0.40 0.09
UK Growth 94.67 100.50 -0.20 0.54

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Dealing: 071 280 2860
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(Accum Units) 223.40 237.60 .. ..
American Opps 94.13 100.60 .. ..
(Accum Units) 95.34 101.31 .. ..
British Blue Chip 83.03 88.35 .. 2.85
(Accum Units) 99.87 106.20 .. 2.85
Cash 100.40 100.40 .. 4.70
(Accum Units) 133.10 133.10 .. 4.70
Emerging Mkts 142.20 152.90 .. ..
European Growth 263.60 284.10 .. 0.59
(Accum Units) 273.00 289.50 .. 0.59
European Income 87.93 93.16 .. 2.62
(Accum Units) 115.10 122.00 .. 2.62
General 549.30 585.70 .. 2.07
(Accum Units) 1051 1121 .. 2.07
Global Bond 132.60 139.40 .. 5.71
(Accum Units) 152.70 160.50 .. 5.71
Gold & General 189.20 200.40 .. 0.46
(Accum Units) 193.50 208.10 .. 0.46
Govt Securities 98.94 102.00 .. 6.97
(Accum Units) 193.30 199.00 .. 6.97
Income 161.30 171.60 .. 3.97
(Accum Units) 244.50 260.40 .. 3.97
International 470.30 501.50 .. 0.56
(Accum Units) 627.50 668.90 .. 0.56
Japan 201.10 213.20 .. ..
(Accum Units) 206.50 218.90 .. ..

NEW EUROPE
New Europe 181.80 193.60 .. 1.34
(Accum Units) 186.10 198.30 .. 1.34
Pacific 145.00 154.70 .. 0.54
(Accum Units) 154.33 164.60 .. 0.54
Recovery 362.60 386.80 .. 2.32
(Accum Units) 459.80 490.50 .. 2.32
UK Smaller Cos 65.88 70.27 .. 1.55
(Accum Units) 73.98 78.91 .. 1.55
Portfolio 85.39 90.82 .. 2.49
(Accum Units) 98.01 104.30 .. 2.49

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(Accum Units) 503.00 531.90 +2.50 2.82
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(Accum Units) 458.00 488.20 +0.40 ..
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Smaller Cos 126.70 134.80 +0.11 0.86
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UK Income Inc 81.43 86.63 -0.34 3.62

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Intl Gwth 204.30 218.20 +0.40 ..
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UK Ind Trckr Inc 166.40 177.00 -0.10 2.73
US Eq Ind Trk Inc 203.70 216.10 -1.00 1.42
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Asian Trader 242.30 261.70 -1.60 0.38
Managed Inc 156.50 168.10 -0.30 1.55
Deposit Inc 99.98 99.98 +0.01 4.42
Europa 178.90 192.10 -0.30 ..
Genesis 162.00 181.40 -0.40 ..
High Income 23.81 25.24 +0.10 10.00

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Acumen Inc 95.85 97.96 +0.27 2.05
Acumen Reserve 87.46 88.34 -0.27 6.68
-do- Inc 79.77 80.58 -0.24 6.68
Americas Growth 187.40 192.60 +0.10 1.20
Cash Income 49.61 50.11 .. 4.46
Equity Income 104.20 107.10 -0.30 4.18
European 76.44 77.96 -0.51 0.76
Smaller Cos 85.32 88.91 -0.23 0.90
Olympiad 72.51 74.56 -0.22 ..
Global Bond 48.69 49.41 -0.05 6.18
UK Growth 95.73 98.48 -0.08 1.47
Pacific Growth 126.10 130.50 +2.90 ..
Japan Growth 100.70 102.70 +0.90 ..

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Open Cap Gth Inc 113.80 121.00 -0.70 1.32
NM Unit Trusts
American 46.06 49.07 +0.19 1.60
Australian 376.20 403.60 +7.30 ..
Conscience 76.60 81.75 -0.08 0.43
European 204.90 217.40 +2.10 0.69
Extra Income 79.99 85.36 -0.14 5.20
Gilt & FI 60.83 64.20 -0.23 5.76
Gold 64.21 69.04 -0.36 ..
Income 59.18 63.12 -0.06 3.68
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Jap Smaller Cos 378.80 404.00 +0.20 ..
Sing & Malaysian 274.30 294.10 +15.70 ..
Smaller Cos 33.42 35.53 +0.55 0.56
Special Sits 39.03 41.96 +0.06 1.46
Sterling Deposit 100.50 100.50 .. 4.50
Tokyo 89.96 95.95 +0.36 ..
UK Equity 184.10 196.30 -1.40 2.53
US Smaller Cos 118.80 127.00 -2.20 ..

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UK Growth 79.43 84.51 -0.07 1.62
UK Income 115.90 123.40 .. 3.20
Gilt & Fixed Intl 77.98 82.52 -0.25 6.12
Higher Income 238.30 253.50 -0.60 4.10
Smaller Cos 92.22 98.11 -0.27 1.24
International 105.03 111.80 -0.40 1.18

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Global Care Dist 77.19 82.56 -0.05 2.28
Oseas Dist 1069.5 1143.8 -9.60 0.33
UK Dist 361.60 386.70 -0.90 1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist 80.99 86.62 -0.09 3.43
Wwide Dist 109.40 117.00 -0.60 ..
Wwide Inc Dist 74.40 79.57 +0.49 1.88

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Fund of Funds Inc 61.07 64.45 +0.21 0.56
Intl Inc 52.01 54.89 +0.34 0.46
North America Inc 63.29 66.80 -0.01 1.56
UK Equity Grth Inc 61.65 65.07 +0.08 1.97
UK General Inc 51.13 53.83 -0.10 6.19
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc 62.65 66.12 +0.02 2.48
UK Income Inc

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General 203.51 216.51 -0.13 1.17
Bond 135.38 143.74 -0.16 6.03
Growth 132.77 141.25 -0.07 1.55
Intrepid 130.15 135.58 .. 1.70

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UK Equity Income 140.13 149.07 -0.09 3.46
UK Smaller Cos 132.59 141.059 -0.08 1.21
UK Equity Growth 134.44 143.02 -0.09 2.32
UK Index Trckg 146.18 155.51 -0.69 3.01
Intl Index Trckg 148.81 158.31 +0.94 1.00
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European 187.51 199.48 +1.05 1.07
Pan European 131.74 140.15 +0.78 0.46
Nth American 164.57 175.07 +0.46 ..
N Amer Smlr Cos 189.63 201.73 +0.79 ..
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Pacific 262.76 279.53 +3.84 0.18
South East Asian 293.28 312.00 +0.49 4.68
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Gilt & Convertible 112.68 119.78 -0.08 5.61
Property 82.96 88.26

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Income 253.80 269.70 -0.50 3.01
Intl Equity 259.80 276.30 +1.20 0.54
UK Income 69.57 74.02 -0.22 2.61
UK Intl 25 81.47 86.67 -0.03 1.52
New Europe 75.97 80.81 -0.41 0.28

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Amer Growth Inc 234.42 250.72 +1.87 0.01
Intl Emerging Cos 269.46 289.20 -0.54 0.01
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Euro Gwth Inc 146.54 156.73 +0.67 0.40
UK Growth Inc 92.05 98.45 +0.17 2.12
High Income 98.62 105.48 -0.30 3.39
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European 71.64 76.21 -0.48 0.25
Global 73.20 77.87 -0.14 ..
Pacific 72.12 76.94 -0.60 0.05
UK Inc & Grth 69.95 74.42 -0.46 1.83

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BRI Director Dlgs 108.61 115.67 -0.04 ..

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Growth Income 65.55 69.48 +0.12 1.24

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0732 740 700
Principal Tst 140.75 149.74 -0.03 1.73

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Conv & Gilt 128.00 136.20 -0.10 5.09
European Income 78.97 84.01 -0.62 2.27
Extra Income 164.70 173.20 -0.20 3.44
Far East 434.80 462.50 -1.90 0.20
Global Income 28.84 30.68 +0.03 4.07
High Income 125.90 133.80 -0.20 3.17
International 221.30 237.50 -0.90 0.36
Pref & Fxd Int 45.71 48.63 -0.11 6.94
Recovery 87.11 92.67 -0.09 1.58
Special Sits 115.50 122.80 -0.10 1.38
Technology 353.70 376.30 -1.00 ..
UK Blue Chip 71.41 75.97 -0.01 3.51

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Gilt 22.31 24.15 -0.04 6.89
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European 54.06 57.51 -0.50 1.11
American 56.21 59.80 +0.31 0.05
Emerging Mkts 108.06 114.96 -0.24 0.44
UK Smaller Cos 34.57 36.78 -0.01 1.47
Gilt/Fixed Interest 28.64 30.47 -0.06 5.34
Global PEP 41.63 44.50 -0.27 1.41

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Japan Inc 108.60 116.10 .. ..
Nth American Inc 118.40 127.70 -0.70 0.12
Worldwide Inc 173.10 186.30 +0.50 0.67
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Swiss Equities Inc 69.38 74.30 +0.73 0.35
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New Zealand Inc 97.07 104.00 +1.60 0.46
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Broker Unit Trusts
Global Trustees 82.92 88.31 -1.01 1.44
Global Portfolio 76.28 81.59 .. ..
Global Opps 75.89 81.17 -0.22 0.43
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International Strat 83.43 89.23 +0.01 ..
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Income & Gth 143.80 153.00 -0.50 2.43
Japan Gth 128.30 135.80 +4.60 ..
Nth Amer Gth 122.30 130.10 -0.10 ..
Overseas Gth 91.92 97.75 +0.07 ..

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Amer Inc & Gwth 73.55 78.24 -0.09 3.73
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High Return 245.60 261.30 -1.10 3.05
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UK Equity 255.00 271.30 -0.20 2.42
UK Growth 70.15 74.63 -0.17 1.35
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Gilt & Fixed Int 54.88 56.70 +0.07 5.14
Global Bond 65.90 70.29 -0.78 0.59
Global Emer Mkts 380.09 405.42 -1.09 3.19
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Income 39.29 40.92 -0.24 0.05
Mngd Balanced 196.30 204.47 +0.52 2.32
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UK Index 161.94 168.68 -0.18 2.59
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Equity Trust 62.26 66.31 -0.28 2.01
Equity Strategy 73.89 78.69 -0.44 0.93
European Opps 87.15 92.81 -0.49 0.49
UK Smaller Cos 71.06 75.68 -0.17 0.86
Maximum Income 97.98 100.90 +0.01 4.54
Japanese 80.52 85.75 +0.04 0.01
Asia Pacific 146.11 155.61 +1.70 0.47
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UK General Inc 55.00 58.47 -0.10 2.18
Intl Income 296.30 316.00 +2.10 2.88
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Japan 72.58 77.34 -0.59 0.06
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Ethical Inc 33.47 35.79 -0.27 1.49
UK Blue Chip Inc 34.31 36.69 +0.03 2.37
High Inc Inc 39.48 42.11 -0.15 3.08
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Worldwide 99.30 106.20 +0.40 0.64

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
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041 248 6100
UK Equity Inc 287.40 305.80 .. 1.75
UK Str Co Eq Inc 223.00 237.30 -0.50 1.13
Select Oppnty Inc 73.08 78.17 -0.29 1.56
Income Plus Inc 77.13 82.06 -0.10 3.28
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031 558 2340
Equity Growth Inc 25.30 27.08 -0.02 2.56
Intl Growth Inc 32.99 35.31 -0.07 0.62
Market Leaders Inc 23.91 25.29 -0.07 2.55

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
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031 655 5724
Equity Inc 392.80 419.00 -1.50 2.56
UK High Inc 204.60 218.30 -1.20 3.26
Europe Inc 346.70 369.70 -1.40 0.68
Nth Amer Inc 226.90 242.00 -0.70 ..
Global Inc 225.20 240.20 -0.10 0.84
UK Spec Sits Inc 113.00 120.60 -0.50 2.61
South East Asia 254.30 271.20 -2.40 1.84
Cash Trust Inc 100.80 100.80 .. 4.63
UK Smllr Cos Inc 117.80 125.60 -0.30 1.45
Intl Bond Inc 99.88 106.00 -0.20 5.95

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
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Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Sector Recovery 179.30 188.30 -0.40 3.54

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
European 127.40 134.10 +0.90 0.77
Nth American 108.90 114.60 .. 0.41
Intl Bond & Conv 138.00 145.30 -0.50 4.27
Pooled Pension (E) 195.00 206.60 -3.60 ..
Smaller Cos 77.44 81.52 -0.24 1.05
UK General 137.10 144.30 -0.10 1.79

SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966
Income 437.75 465.69 +0.02 3.95
Global Inc 70.94 75.47 +0.04 2.49
Brit Leaders 347.83 370.03 -1.10 2.18
Intl Leaders 215.14 228.87 -1.42 0.59
FAM Mg Bal Grth 68.24 70.90 -0.30 0.90

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226
European 122.70 .. +0.60 ..
Global Bond 106.00 .. -0.30 7.03
Samurai 94.70 .. -0.82 ..
UK Growth 119.40 .. -0.10 3.31
Tai Pan 117.10 .. -0.70 ..

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377
American 309.40 327.30 -0.30 0.34
Canadian 82.56 87.36 -0.99 0.21
Capital 141.70 151.80 .. 0.87
Cash 101.74 101.74 -0.01 4.58
European 136.90 144.80 -0.80 0.20
Far Eastern 187.40 198.30 -2.30 ..
Growth 155.50 164.50 -0.20 0.76
Income 139.20 147.30 -0.30 4.19
Magnum 151.70 162.50 -0.10 0.87
Smllr Secs 404.40 421.90 -1.10 0.33
Thoroughbred 175.80 186.60 -0.10 0.09

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422
Cash 50.12 50.62 .. 4.15
Charita Primnce 61.79 65.91 -0.17 7.10
Ethical 62.69 66.69 -0.09 2.90
European Growth 74.22 79.17 +0.75 2.10
Income 60.23 64.24 -0.03 5.10
Intl Growth 101.10 107.80 +1.00 2.40
Managed 84.55 90.19 +0.50 3.10
UK Growth 65.83 70.21 +0.05 3.30

STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777
Managed Acc 52.75 56.05 -0.10 1.30
UK Equity Grth Acc 76.23 81.00 -0.60 1.04
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-do- High Inc Inc 48.83 51.89 -0.60 2.88
UK Equity Gen Acc 64.45 68.48 -0.30 1.83
UK Equity Gen Inc 48.58 51.62 -0.30 1.83
UK Lrgr Co Acc 448.20 486.40 -2.00 3.08
UK Lrgr Co Inc 340.10 369.10 -1.50 3.08
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc 33.80 35.75 -0.10 5.66
Oseas Lrg Co Acc 321.10 348.90 +1.40 1.16
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Global A (NZ$) 3.981 4.232 -0.007 1.24
US Eqts (US$) 2.364 2.509 -0.015 0.64
Far East Eqts (yen) 251.60 267.30 +5.70 ..
Japan Eqties (yen) 257.60 273.60 -5.50 ..
FT Europe 133.10 143.40 -0.70 1.71
FT N Amer (US$) 1.794 1.901 -0.005 1.17
FT Japan (yen) 237.60 252.40 -2.80 ..
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STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271
American 386.20 412.40 -0.40 0.06
British 1131.2 1196.8 -2.20 3.05
Emging Mkts 183.80 195.70 -0.10 0.20
European 528.40 562.70 -2.60 0.98
Japan 165.50 175.70 +0.20 ..
New Pacific 434.80 464.80 +0.60 0.04
Investment Tst 245.10 259.80 +1.80 0.93
Mngd Equity 187.30 198.30 -0.30 1.31
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Majority Sdg 99.88 100.88 .. 4.33

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389
Equity 877.00 938.00 -0.90 2.41
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Far East 165.30 176.80 +1.30 ..
Wwide Bond 62.05 65.87 -0.13 4.68
European 106.10 113.50 +1.20 ..
Equity Income 99.67 106.60 .. 3.49
Portfolio 91.89 98.28 +0.41 0.52
UK Leading Cos 61.78 65.72 +0.14 2.87
Broker Trusts
Intnl Equity 73.61 78.73 -0.31 ..

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725
American Growth 36.39 38.93 +0.13 0.45
Managed Assets 134.45 143.80 -0.02 2.45
UK Income 41.74 44.65 -0.09 2.44
UK Growth 41.14 44.01 -0.03 1.90
Worldwide Growth 36.63 39.18 +0.08 0.24

SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD
101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010
Master Portfolio 52.51 56.16 -0.10 ..
Cap Protector Inc 45.66 48.83 +0.05 2.19
UK Income Inc 56.31 60.23 -0.29 2.49
Mngd Extra Inc Inc 34.51 36.91 +0.13 3.31

SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010
Equity Dist 576.50 610.10 -0.80 1.88
Fixed Int Dist 126.20 130.80 -0.50 6.91
UK Indx Trck Dist 138.30 146.30 -0.20 2.58

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0264 346 794
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European 113.52 120.77 -1.15 0.24
Extra Income 214.64 225.34 +0.03 3.18
Smaller Cos 82.25 87.50 -0.12 0.78
General 305.80 325.32 +0.47 1.93
Premier Income 55.67 57.99 -0.16 5.39
Income 374.39 398.29 -0.40 3.01
Pacific 460.23 489.60 +3.12 ..
International 583.19 620.42 +2.67 0.07
Nat Resources 175.75 186.97 +0.28 0.16
Gold Opps 119.81 127.34 -0.06 0.86
Environmental Inv 66.55 70.80 -0.05 1.39
Selector 69.44 73.87 -0.06 2.01
High Income 70.11 74.58 -0.13 3.68
Intl Income 63.46 67.52 -0.08 4.27
Selector Income 66.90 71.17 -0.05 4.71

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NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355
British 353.90 372.50 -0.10 2.40

TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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Glob Growth Inc 209.35 224.11 -0.04 1.44
Glob Balncd Inc 178.62 191.03 -0.27 2.52
Value Tst Inc 126.76 135.60 +0.53 1.33

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
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071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001
Amer Smllr Cos 70.43 75.12 +0.03 ..
European Opps 43.06 45.28 +0.09 0.37
Dresdner Eur Bd 90.71 96.72 -0.04 ..
Japan Tst 115.33 123.01 -1.39 0.18
Little Dragons 52.94 56.46 +0.14 4.38
Oriental Income 322.03 343.49 -1.84 0.46
Tiger 66.36 70.77 -0.11 2.79
UK Blue Chip 111.94 119.72 -0.09 1.68
UK Smllr Cos .. .. ..
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Nth Amer Gwth 235.34 250.36 +1.29 0.63
European Growth 283.93 301.20 +2.26 1.07
Exempt 562.34 586.06 -1.99 3.29
Far Eastern .. .. ..
UK High Yield 113.11 120.33 +0.05 3.15
Iberian Growth 50.74 53.99 +0.98 ..
Intl Growth 114.33 121.74 +0.33 0.94
Preference 132.99 141.05 -0.35 7.75
UK Recovery 290.06 308.57 +0.81 1.81
UK Smllr Cos Div 112.46 119.63 .. 4.00
Smaller Cos .. .. ..
UK Growth 542.62 577.20 +1.07 1.95

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GJ
071 955 5055
Exempt 371.70 391.30 .. 2.01

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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Australasian Gold 34.14 36.31 +0.07 ..
Pacific Basin 44.66 47.31 +0.73 0.60
Can Balncd Gwth 37.61 40.01 -0.10 ..
Global Bond (US$) 0.9365 0.9755 +0.003 3.81
Penny Share 31.57 33.58 -0.15 1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 8462
Challenger 102.70 105.00 -0.50 ..
Short Dtd Gilt 114.40 115.40 -0.90 ..
US Govt Bd (US$) 0.7235 0.7326 .. 2.27
Gilt Income 54.78 57.01 -0.29 6.29
Gilt Growth 75.70 78.77 -0.27 ..
City Reserve 52.03 52.03 .. 4.18

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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Stockmarket Pfl 81.67 86.88 +0.09 1.62

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Scholars get to grips with Duke Ellington in a new 500-page study of his music

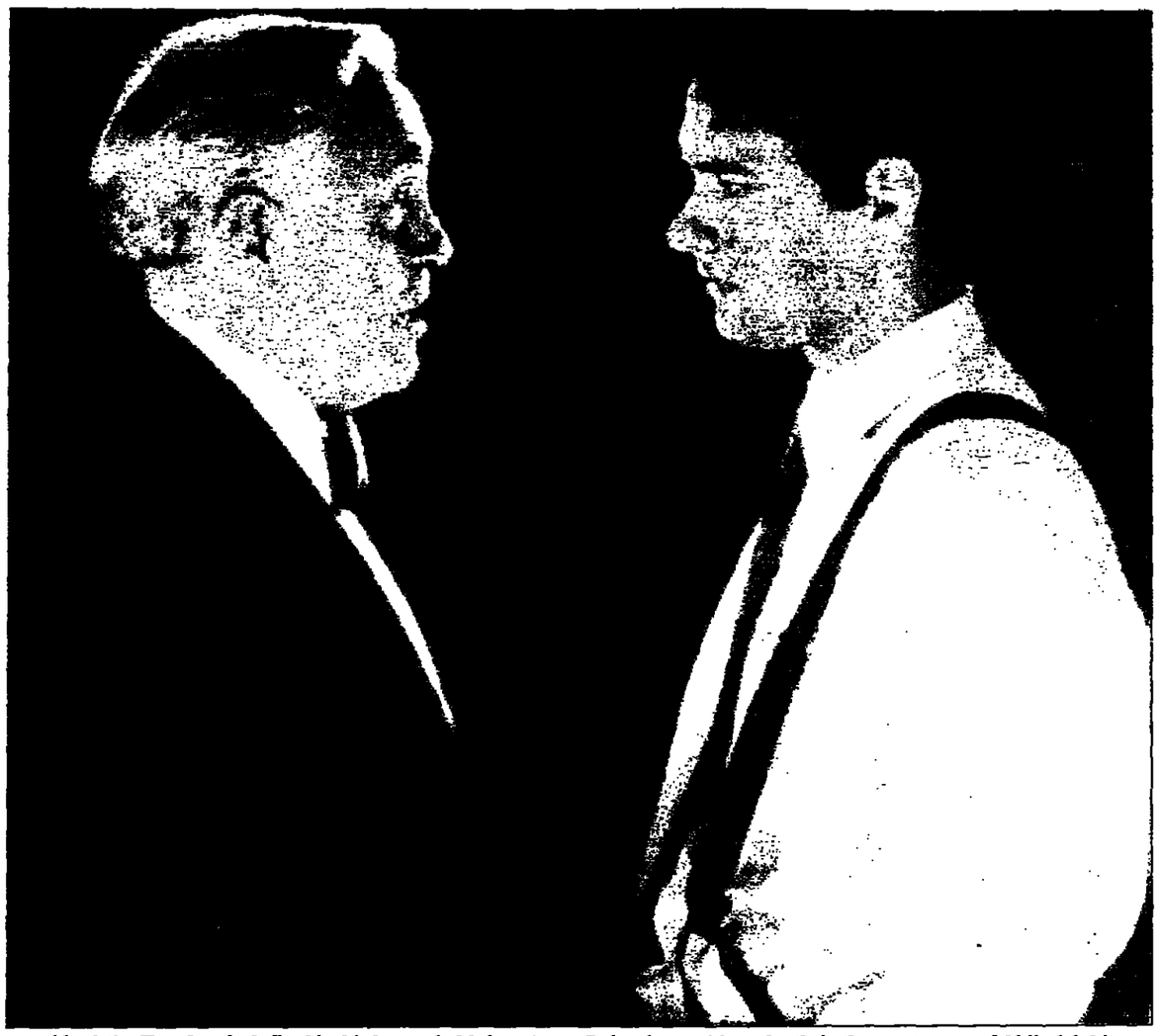
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The Royal Court is turned into a giant kitchen for a stunning revival of Wesker's play



Hanks heroic in a dying cause

CINEMA: The Aids epic *Philadelphia* may leave no cliché unturned, but **Geoff Brown** was still moved by it



Aids victim Tom Hanks is fired by his homophobic boss Jason Robards, sparking a battle in the courtrooms of *Philadelphia*

"What the hell's the matter with that guy?" asks a passing suit as Tom Hanks, grey-faced, with shaven head, casts a spectral figure in the offices of Denzel Washington's law firm. At such moments you realise that **Philadelphia** is not simply meant for people who have never known anyone living, and dying, with Aids. It is also for those who have never seen anyone with Aids on television, in pictures, let alone walking the streets.

As mainstream Hollywood's first attempt to face up to the disease, this dynamic, valiant film was bound to succumb to broad strokes and compromises. In telling the story of Aids victim Andrew Beckett, fighting to sue his high-flying law firm for wrongful dismissal, Ron Nyswaner's script neatly rounds up every cliché, prejudice and politically correct position the subject can possibly allow.

Beckett's colleagues in the City of Brotherly Love are homophobic almost to a man, from Jason Robards's wounded WASP patriach ("Andy brought Aids into our office, into our men's room!") to the personal injury lawyer who eventually takes up his case (Washington). Beckett's private passion? Grand opera: Maria Callas recordings bring him close to ecstasy. Beckett's family? Wonderfully supportive from top to toe; how could it be otherwise with Joanne Woodward liberalism personified, playing his mother?

But at least Jonathan Demme, a Hollywood big-shot since *The Silence of the Lambs*, tackles the subject with true cinematic brio. Thirty years ago, *Philadelphia* might have been one of Stanley Kramer's deadly message pictures, with cut-and-dried visuals and a cast over-impressed by the seriousness of the venture. Demme's days as a freaky director of independent films may be fading fast, but he can still swing a camera around, and is not afraid of leaving far behind what passes for realism in American movies.

Sometimes the result is misjudged: the opera sequence, with Washington gazing in wonder at an entranced Hanks explaining a Callas aria by the firelight's glow, goes embarrassingly over the top. Elsewhere, as in the final court scenes, the film's pyrotechnics do their job and stir the emotions magnificently. So does Hanks. This is no showy, Oscar-grabbing performance, although he will probably get one for his carefully shaded portrayal of a decent man fighting injustice with humour and grit.

Philadelphia
Odeon Leicester Square
12, 125 mins
Hollywood tackles Aids and Hanks gets an Oscar?

The Pelican Brief
Warner West End 12, 141 mins
Fatuous film of John Grisham's novel

Kafka
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue
15, 98 mins
Soderbergh's flawed but atmospheric fantasia

Cool Runnings
Warner West End
PG 99 mins
Cheerful adventures of Jamaican bobsledders

Other players are as good as the script's neat jigsaw pieces allow. Washington is excellent as the flashy lawyer who knows discrimination when he sees it but never quite sheds his antagonism to Hanks's lifestyle, while Mary Steenburgen strikes an authentic chill as the law firm's defence attorney, with a voice like poisoned honey.

Antonio Banderas, as Andrew's partner Miguel, pulls the shortest straw: damagingly, the script leaves no room for his character or his life with Andrew to come into focus. We see some of the physical effects of Aids clear enough: the lesions, the pallor, the weight loss. The inner, emotional loss, however, is something *Philadelphia* never gets close to. That would take another film, aimed at a far smaller audience, and not made with Hollywood's millions.

Washington can also be found in **The Pelican Brief**, based on John Grisham's novel. But all eyes will be gazing elsewhere, at the legs, twinkle and multiple hairstyles of Julia Roberts, back after a lengthy sabbatical from stardom.

She begins with golden Pre-Raphaelite tresses. Then Grisham's convoluted plot requires her to assume constant disguises to keep ahead of FBI men and hired killers trying to get her "pelican brief" — a student paper speculating on the people responsible for murdering two Supreme Court judges. In the process she wears pigtails, various wigs, turns mousy brown, and runs through several wardrobes.

While Roberts continues her fashion show, the rest of this infuriating film wrestles with a plot desperately in need of a Mr Big to grab the audience's full interest. We hear much about a shady character called Victor Matisse, who sounds promising. Alas, the chap never shows: instead we suffer interminable chases, furtive meetings, telephone calls and manila envelopes slipped under hotel doors, while the air hangs heavy with Washington corruption, and a loud, distracting James Horner score.

Alan J. Pakula, the unfortunate director, knows some of this territory well. But no amount of cleverly angled shots and elliptical editing can turn this fatuous film into *The Parallax View*, or turn Washington's bland investigative reporter into Woodward or Bernstein from *All the President's Men*. Marginally better than *The Firm*, the first Grisham epic to reach the screen, *The Pelican Brief* can offer only passing pleasures.

Since Steven Soderbergh levied a fine of ten Czech crowns on anyone heard on the Prague set of **Kafka** using the word Kafka-esque, one wonders how much the director had to cough up himself. For, if *Kafka* itself is not Kafka-esque, nothing is. Through Prague's crooked corners and cobbled streets, shot in razor-sharp black-and-white, Jeremy Irons's title figure — the spirit of Kafka, rather than the author himself — is lured into intrigue, paranoia and nefarious doings by "them" at "the Castle". This is the film that, temporarily at least, shot down the rising star of *sex, lies & videotape*. American critics poured scorn over its pretensions, and the British release comes after a two-year delay.

Luckily, *Kafka* — part thriller, part horror film, part comedy — is far from the disaster that rumour suggested. Faults may stick out for all to see, from Theresa Russell's grating American voice to the banal finale. What matters more is Soderbergh's skill in finding visual equivalents for the Czech writer's nightmares, and for leading the audience a merry dance through a medley of Kafka-esque themes (the ten crowns are in the post).

Heading an illustrious cast ranging from Alec Guinness to Joel Grey, Irons is too wrapped in British reserve to get the best from his insurance clerk's adventures. His surroundings, though, are a feast for the eyes: images haunted by German Expressionist films and Russian Constructivism, yet still with their own personality. Special bouquets are due to cameraman Walt Lloyd, debuting production designer Gavin Bocquet, and the city of Prague.

Days after the nation was glued to Torvill and Dean in the 1994 Winter Olympics, up come Derice, Sanka, Yul and Junior, the Jamaican bobsled team from the 1988 Olympics in Calgary. But **Cool Runnings** is far from a documentary: Dawn Steel's canny Disney production mixes fact, fiction, low comedy and heart-tugging pathos, and plays upon the audience the way Heifetz played the violin.

The film invites us to cheer these underdogs, making an outlandish assault on the Olympics, although at the start they scarcely know what a bobsled or snow looks like. As coach they get John Candy, larger than ever as a former Olympic champion on the skids, with his own self-respect to salvage.

No good looking here for cinematic finesse, or mature representations of Caribbean culture: some of the material assigned to Doug E. Doug's Sanka takes us back to the dim-witted characters played by Stepin Fetchit. Yet it is hard not to warm to the cast's boisterous team work and the film's sunny spirits. Jon Turtletaub directed.

Painting the many faces of Aids

From harrowing documentary to musical comedy, film-makers are tackling the terror



A scene from *Longtime Companion*, the first Aids film to achieve mainstream release

Films about Aids come in as many styles and with as many purposes to be neatly defined as a genre, "the Aids film". *Philadelphia* was only one of four films on the theme at the Berlin Film Festival last week: others were John Geyson's musical, *Zero Patience*, Richard Glatzer's philosophical comedy *Grief*, and *The Heart of the Matter*, a documentary by Gini Reticker and Amber Hollibaugh about the fastest-growing group, women with Aids.

The cinema has above all reflected a dramatically changed contemporary perception of death. Until the 1980s, people between 20 and 40 were unlikely to have much direct awareness of death, traditionally the concern of the aged; today, with the majority of Aids-related deaths in that age group, many young people have experienced the death of contemporaries. Moreover, those affected tend to include an unusual proportion of people involved in the arts and communication. Unprecedentedly, a generation of young, creative, active people is confronting the process of dying, often (like Derek Jarman) with memorable stoicism, gallantry and even wit.

Some, like Jarman in *Blue*, unsparingly describe the confrontation. Other film artists have recorded their final days more graphically — among them the former Fassbinder actor Kurt Raab, and the American film-maker Tom Joslin, who described in merciless detail his lover's and his own death.

Feature films are still comparatively rare, and mostly independent American productions. The earliest, made in 1985, was Arthur J. Bressman Jr's *Buddies*, about a young man's growing commitment to the difficult patient to whom he is assigned. In Bill Sherwood's *Parting Glances*, the following year, Steve Buscemi provided a memorable portrait of a witty and acidulous dying intellectual. The first Aids feature to achieve mainstream release was Norman Rene's *Longtime Companion* (1990), a somewhat bland and instructional history of Aids shown through the experience of a group of friends. So far, Cyril Collard's *Savage Nights* is the only non-American Aids-themed film to achieve international distribution.

> "Creative people are confronting the process of dying"

Hollywood's next major contribution to Aids filmography, the $8 million *And The Band Played On*, is scheduled to open in London on April 4. This adaptation of Randy Shilts's monumental history of Aids, with cameo contributions from numerous name stars including Anjelica Huston and Steve Martin, involved publicised conflicts over political correctness between the production company HBO and the director Roger Spottiswoode.

Two other new films shortly to be seen in London offer original approaches. From Canada, the flamboyant *Zero Patience* aims to demolish some persistent myths and preconceptions. The object is estimable; the pity is that the film's style of campy comedy is exclusively addressed to an insider audience for which the message is likely to be superfluous.

However, *Grief* (at the ICA next month) is a little beauty — a fast, witty character comedy that appeals to any audience while touching the deeper issues of the social effects of Aids and the experience of the bereaved. Maybe its strength is that it is autobiographical. Glatzer, just like the hero of his film, is a professional scriptwriter. He worked in the same kind of office, produced a tacky courtroom soap opera, lost his lover to Aids, and experienced consequent workplace discrimination.

"The only thing my lover asked of me when he was dying was that I should try to do something with what he went through," Glatzer says. "I didn't want to represent his pain, because it is not a pain that I have gone through myself yet. So I thought it better to represent what I had been through and, after a few years, I could do it with a distance and irony.

"The film is about Aids as a part of life in the 1990s. The main character is still internally grieving for his dead boyfriend; and that grief permeates his relationships with people in the office.

"Grief, as I discovered, is a very up and down experience — not the tidy, glum constant that Kieślowski shows in *Three Colours: Blue*, for instance. Life picks you up again and carries you; you laugh and seem to live normally. And then, at very unexpected moments, everything falls apart. I wanted to describe the complexity of this insane experience. That is the reason for this kind of comedy. I think it gives a different angle to the issue of Aids and of grieving."

Having shared the Berlin screens with *Philadelphia*, which cost several hundred times more than the hard-won $100,000 budget of *Grief*, Glatzer is more generous than many gay activists to Demme's film: "Of course it is not made for us, gays and people with Aids. But it is really well designed to deal with the prejudices of those people for whom it is intended, and who are invited to identify with the Washington character. That heartens me."

DAVID ROBINSON

TELEVISION REVIEW

Scrapes with the piranha brothers

It was, it appears, "over a swindle. They had the hump. And bosh." Few epitaphs are more precise than the description of a south London villain's crossing from the underworld to the next world offered last night in the second instalment of BBC1's history of crime.

A beefy man leaned on a bar somewhere south of the Thames and described how a survivor of a famous 1960s gangland battle finally came to grief on his own doorstep in a blaze of shotgun pellets.

After dallying last week with a gentleman cat burglar and the man who introduced gelignite to safe breaking **The Underworld** had a great deal to do with both grief and bosh. In the 1960s the heavyweight London gangs were shaping up for turf battles and leaving a trail of blood across the streets.

The BBC's latest offering in the fashionable true-crime genre has assembled a cast of unrepentant villains whose matter-of-fact recollections of crime make up for a deadpan presentation.

Describing the murder of a barman in a famous 1960s killing, one north London gang member, said: "Things happen, people die." Would he have tried to nobble a juror in a murder trial? No, he said. He would just have followed a juror to his bus stop and explained that his friend was on trial and was innocent.

It is a world of respect, earned and enforced. You could always rely on a man to support you. They would "straighten" someone who had done you wrong.

The Richardsons were like that. Reliable and violent. Entrepreneurs, fraudsmen and torturers, they recruited "Mad" Frankie Fraser to their ranks and the underworld shuddered. Fraser, certified insane three times, shrugged when asked why he was so feared. He thought it was something you were born with.

So fierce was Fraser's reputation that the Kray twins planned to kill him themselves rather than leave it to their followers as rivalry built up between the Richardsons and the east London brothers. But before the Krays could strike the Richardsons were involved in a shooting over a south London club. One group expecting "ag" (aggression) and heavily outnumbered by the Richardson cohorts "sent out for shooters". By the time the police arrived a man was dying and Fraser had been shot in the foot.

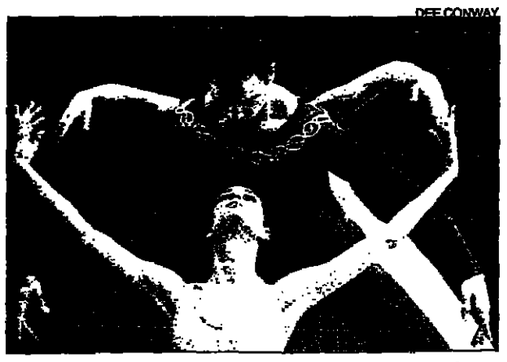
Most of the true-life crime programmes claim to be offering a public service. The reconstructions and in-depth interviews are supposed to alert the public to possible clues, and cases have been solved with the help of television appeals. At the same time, programme-makers know that crime is good for business.

In *Underworld* the message lies in the characters themselves. There is the man who broke the toes of a Richardson victim with a pair of pliers: torture sessions were broken by meal breaks. No one says they are sorry. These are the professionals. It was their "little bit of business".

STEWART TENDLER

DANCE REVIEW: **John Percival**

Classic welcome



Glorious new acquisition: Balanchine's *Serenade*

BIRMINGHAM Royal Ballet's contribution to the city's 1930s festival — part of Towards the Millennium — is a bill of three ballets created in that decade's early years. Two of them joined the company's repertoire over the past couple of seasons: *Job* (1931), with its score by Vaughan Williams and Ninette de Valois's choreography, and *The Green Table* (1932), created by Kurt Jooss with music by F.A. Cohen. The third, **Serenade** (1934), is newly mounted at the Birmingham Hippodrome and gloriously welcome.

Job and *Table* have much in common: an emphasis on dance as drama, a belief in using music written to order, and choreographers who anticipated many of the developments towards modernism that were to come a generation later. But in *Serenade* George Balanchine was doing something completely different and equally — no, more — revolutionary. He was creating the classic ballet of the century's second half.

Balanchine took existing music, Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, and made from it what is arguably the best of all Tchaikovsky ballets. This is music that cries out for dancing, and Balanchine said that in making the ballet he sensed the composer's help. He took one serious liberty with it: having originally choreographed only the first three movements, when he later added the other (the "Tema russo") he slipped it in early, before the Elegy. Quite right, too, since the elegy provided him with a perfect finale.

What gives *Serenade* its special quality is that Tchaikovsky and Balanchine both had a superb sense of form, but were not dry formalists. They worked from the heart, so the ballet is marvellously satisfying in its patterns of sound and movement, but also reaches the emotions. That is as true of the long sections of pure dance, gentle or joyous, delicate or exhilarating, as in those parts where drama lies hidden beneath the surface.

This is most true of the Elegy, where one man is torn between two women and, when one leads him off to his destiny, the other is left to a kind of glorification through grief. Patricia Neary, who has staged the ballet admirably, introduces here the practice, sanctioned by Balanchine, of the leading women literally letting their hair down from their neat ballerina coifs: a grand theatrical effect.

BRB do the work proud. Let me praise the 17 women of the ensemble, whipping into their prominent contributions with tremendous relish, and the fitness of the male soloists — Joseph Cipolla all torn intensity, Kevin O'Hare sweetly rapt. The one fault you might find with Andrea Tredinnick is to wish her soaring *jetés* more strongly powered, but she is so filtingly happy in the waltz, so grief-struck at the ballet's end that it seems mean to complain. Monica Zamora makes a commanding angel of destiny, and dances all her entries with fine attack; Miyako Yoshida brings a sparkling zest and the lightest imaginable elevation.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

LION IN WINTER David McCallum and Sian Phillips star in James Goldman's Plantagenet drama *The Lion in Winter*. A touring production of the conniving, double-crossing and deceitful relations between Henry II and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine
Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond (081-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Sir George Solti conducts two richly contrasting works this evening: Stravinsky's *Petrouchka* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA: Virtuoso cellist **Steven Isserlis** joins John Eliot Gardiner for a performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto in E minor: the programme also includes Grainger's *The Warriors* and Holst's *The Planets*
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Simon Rattle and the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** *and their first* European tour with a Symphony Hall debut. Tonight's programme includes Mozart's Symphony No 40 in G minor K550 and Schubert's Symphony No 9 in C, *The Great*, tomorrow, Haydn's Symphony No 90 in C and Beethoven's Symphony No 6 in F Op 68, *Pastoral*.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm

CARDIFF: Della Jones sings the title role of **Ariodante** in this **WNO** run of David Alden's moving and stylish staging of Handel's opera. Highly acclaimed on its earlier outing at ENO in London, with a strong cast including Felicity Palmer, Alwyn Mellor and Gregory Cross. Accomplished Handelian Marc Minkowski conducts.
New Theatre, Park Place (0222 394844). Tonight and Sat, 6.30pm

DUNDEE: One of two productions of Steinbeck's **The Grapes of Wrath** opening this week. Iain Reekie's co-production with 7:84 Company will tour Scotland, plus a stop at the Shaw Theatre, London.
Rep Theatre, Tay Square (0382 23530). *Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats March 5 and 12, 2.30pm. Till Mar 19*

MANCHESTER: A fund-raising concert this evening for the **Hallé Orchestra**. Yehudi Menuhin is joined by Richard Baker, Rita Hunter, John Lill and Benno Schollum for a programme *of operatic highlights and Viennese* favourites
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712). Tonight, 7.30pm. *And tomorrow, also under Menuhin with* John Lill, at Victoria Hall, **Hanley** (0782 712500).

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life. Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: *Study of Italian Old Master Drawings* (071-636 1555) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein *and the Court of Henry VIII* (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World. The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Picasso; Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) ... **V & A**: Fabergé: The Golden Age 1730-1760: brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ ***AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY***: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). *Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed* and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR**: Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before World War One. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat 4pm, Sun 5pm and Mar 2, 2pm

◪ **EDDIE IZZARD**: The man is back *for another solo season of comedy and* sharp good sense
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). *Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19*

☐ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE**: Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm

◪ ***THE LIFE OF GALILEO***: David Hare's new version of the Brecht. Richard Griffiths plays the worldly-wise *scientist hamstrung by the Inquisition*.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. *Until March 31*

☐ **THE NEW MENOZA**: First in a season of 18th-century drama: Jacob Lenz's hero is an oriental traveller trying to apply good sense to the manic crises of a small German town
Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. *Until March 19.*

☐ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm

☐ **SWEENEY TODD**: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. With Denis Quilley, Julia McKenzie
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-March 1, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

☐ **SWEET CHARITY**: Phil Willmott's production, transferred after sell-out *performances at Man in the Moon*
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun 6pm. *Until March 20*

◪ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL**: Complicite's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an Alpine woman loving and enduring all
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Feb 28, until April 9

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ■ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ■ **Medea**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **Relative Values**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ... ◪ **She Stoops to Conquer**: Queens (071-494 5041) ... ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

♦ **A BRONX TALE** (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, *from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show*. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro
MGMs: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 *914098*) *West End* (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

LA CRISE (15): Misfortunes rain down on the French bourgeoisie. Attractive social comedy from Coline Serreau with Vincent Lindon and Patrick Timsit.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426-915 353)

FLIGHT OF THE INNOCENT (18): Italian urchin flees family tragedy. A good subject let down by vulgar images. Director, Carlo Carlei
Metro (071-437 0757)

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** *(071-434 0031)* **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder
Barbican *(071-638 8891)* **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

♦ **FREE WILLY** (U): Tearaway kid finds *his soulmate: a surly amusement park* whale. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** *(071-792 3303)* **Warner** (071-439 4343)

SURVIVING DESIRE: Three elegant, crisp and airless short films from American independent Hal Hartley.
Metro (071-437 0757)

♦ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and lumpy vehicle for Robin Williams, Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

♦ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): *Father and son share a prison cell.* Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite and Emma Thompson. Jim Sheridan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

♦ ***TOMBSTONE*** *(15)*: Unremarkable return to the OK Corral, with Kurt Russell (Wyatt Earp) and Val Kilmer (Doc Holliday). *George P Cosmatos directs.*
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. With Christian Clavier, Jean Reno. Director, Jean-Marc Poiré.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

♦ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2** (PG): The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel, with Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Director, Stephen Surjik.
Empire *(0800 888911)* **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

Critics ponder the Duke



For all the showmanship evident in this ebullient publicity picture from 1932, Duke Ellington was adept at keeping his inner self well concealed

It don't mean a thing, apparently, until the experts have spoken. Clive Davis reviews a new 500-page tome about Duke Ellington

As we approach the twentieth anniversary of Edward Kennedy Ellington's death, the scholars are hard at work on his legacy: long-forgotten manuscripts are unearthed, rare recordings salvaged from private collections. When his son, Mercer, donated a collection of scores and memorabilia to the Smithsonian Institution six years ago, archivists were confronted with more than 200,000 pages of material.

Ellington would surely have been flattered, yet also bemused. Always preoccupied with the business of keeping his band of brilliant but self-willed players on the road, he generally paid little attention to the demands of posterity. Coaxing out a new melody was, to him, far more important than dwelling on past achievements.

On one occasion, late in his life, friends and band members decided to celebrate his birthday by gathering together all the scores they could find. Several bulky leather-bound volumes, representing just a fraction of the great man's output, were assembled for presentation. One member of his inner circle, his doctor Arthur Logan, later described the reaction: "Duke was impressed. He made polite noises and kissed us all, but you know, the son of a bitch didn't even take it home." The collection was soon left to gather dust in a warehouse.

The Ellington industry has gathered pace in recent months. A new biography, written by John Edward Hasse, a curator at the Smithsonian, was published to mixed reviews in America last autumn, and the Institution has also mounted an exhibition which has been touring America. British enthusiasts can look forward to the screening in May of a two-part *Omnibus* documentary. Some seven years in the making, the Emmy award-winning film features rare interviews with many of Ellington's friends and collaborators.

As for the ever-growing mountain of albums, two more have just arrived, both of them live big-band sessions. The two-disc set *Live at the Blue Note* (Roulette CDS-828637-2) offers a slightly muddy recording of one night's spirited work at the Blue Note club in Chicago in 1959. More rewarding in terms of repertoire and sound quality is *The Great London Concerts* (Limelight/Musicmasters 518446-2), a selection from two visits in 1963 and 1964, including a performance of "Harlem", an extended work commissioned years earlier by the NBC Symphony Orchestra. "It's as if he never left us. I can't begin to keep up with the new recorded material that is coming out," says Mark Tucker, an associate professor of music at Columbia University, New York, and editor of a substantial new tome, *The Duke Ellington Reader*. "The vaults are not exhausted by any means. My impression is that there's a lot of unissued work stockpiled from the Sixties and early Seventies."

Tucker's 500-odd page anthology arrives with a resounding thump this week (Oxford University Press, £19.95). A conscientious assortment of critical and biographical essays, it covers a remarkable amount of territory, from a tantalisingly brief record review by Aaron Copland to the unabridged text of Richard Boyer's masterful *New Yorker* profile "The Hot Bach", a sardonic account of life on the road.

The dozen or so extracts from Ellington's own writings — including a description of his childhood taken from his autobiography *Music is My Mistress* — do not shed a huge amount of light on his enigmatic personality. He was always adept at keeping his inner self well concealed. There is perhaps too much journalistic ephemera, but the contributions from such critics as Gunther Schuller and Martin Williams set an enviably high standard.

One of Tucker's primary goals, he explains, was to convey a sense of the change in the critical tone over the years. The review of Ellington's 1927 Cotton Club debut, for instance, treats the music as merely incidental to the exotic dance routines ("The big attraction, of course, are the gals, 10 of 'em, the majority of whom in white company could pass for Caucasians. Possessed of the native jazz heritage, their hotsy-totsy performance if working sans wraps could never be parred by a white gal.") Three decades later the French critic André Hodeir was devoting 12 pages to analysis of a three-minute number "Concerto for Cootie".

One question that has preoccupied modern critics is the true value of the extended works that Ellington produced. Was he a great American composer or a bandleader who had neither the time nor training to cope with larger forms? To his credit Tucker makes space for both arguments, with Alec Wilder and the British critic Max Harrison — both confirmed admirers of Ellington — eloquently leading the case for the prosecution. Readers are free to make up their own minds.

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How to spice up a leftover polemic

Benedict Nightingale applauds Stephen Daldry's stunning staging of an early Arnold Wesker play

Stephen Daldry is barely over 30 and already he is deep into the second of two remarkable directing careers. If he were in a dictionary, as one day he may be, the entry might go like this. *Daldry* v.t. 1. to present classic plays with improbably tiny casts on impossibly tiny stages. 2. Spectacularly to reclaim earnest didactic work, sometimes remodelling whole theatres in the process. Viz. "You may think *The Lamentations of Jeremiah* unsuitable for theatrical adaptation, but you haven't seen it daldried yet."

Somehow he shrank de Molina's *Damned for Despair* and Horvath's *Figaro Gets Divorced* until they could be jammed into that shoebox, the Gate. More recently, he expanded Priestley's *Inspector Calls* and Sophie Treadwell's *Machinal* until the National Theatre itself seemed too small for work of such significance.

But the creative demolition now on show at the Royal Court is almost more astonishing. Daldry has ripped out the theatre's innards for the sake of Arnold Wesker's *Kitchen* — and lo, a preachy apprentice piece is transformed into as striking a blend of objective observation and moral fervour as the modern theatre can offer.

Those with a personal interest in the Court, board-members on down, should smear their fingernails with aloes before entering the auditorium, for the merest glimpse of the place will have them munching the quicks. The theatre seems no longer to exist.

True, there are seats in the circle, on what used to be the stage, and behind the low walls of whitish tiles surrounding what were once the stalls. But the well does not just look like a large restaurant's kitchen. It is that kitchen. Though Mark Thompson takes the credit in the programme, you cannot tell me that those steel stoves, counters and vents weren't designed and fitted by builders with aeons of experience of the catering trade.

The Kitchen
Royal Court

So realistic is the effect that at first it is a problem. Why give us lots of authentic pots and pans and then obey Wesker's original stage directions, which insist that "at no time is food ever used"? But the imagination is an adaptable thing, especially when actors are performing with energy and self-belief. The cast chopped, scraped, pounded, whisked and ladled, and soon I could see and (unluckily, for the restaurant is a bad one) taste the stews and salads whose creation they were miming.

In itself that is a superficial achievement. What matters is that Daldry choreographs the kitchen's growing bustle with absolute precision and then lifts it to a pitch of organised pandemonium that is more than realistic. The kitchen actually is what, back in 1959, Wesker said it was: "The world — where people come and go and cannot stay long enough to understand each other, and friendships, loves and enmities are forgotten as quickly as they are made."

With a cast of 28, it is not surprising the play is stronger on atmosphere than plot. In so far as there is one, it involves Peter, a German cook who ends up destroyed by confusions of identity and love, as well as contempt for his job. Considering he is surrounded by vivid cameos — Annette Badland with a fag drooping beneath her 1950s scarf, Tony Rohr growling behind a cleaver, Thomas Craig a swaggering ted, and others — Christopher Fulford makes a forceful impression as Peter. Here is a young man in whom pressure builds and builds, until truculent cackles become roars of pain, and the manic turns berserk.

That gives the ending power and the play meaning. Wesker has already interjected plenty of suggestions, some a bit sententious, that these warring, alienated cooks are really you, me and himself struggling to sustain self-respect in the economic jungle. But now there is blood on the walls, a weird white light over the smashed-up kitchen, an ominous noise in the air. The entire cast backs off in terror, as from a fate too awful to name, while the restaurant's proprietor rabbits uncomprehendingly about his impending ruin.

If you admired Daldry's *Inspector Calls*, this will impress you too, and for some of the same reasons. A period play about a few exemplary individuals suddenly implicates civilisation itself. How many other directors could achieve so much?



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The stalls seats have been removed from the Royal Court auditorium. In their place Mark Thompson's set does not just look like a large restaurant's kitchen. It is that kitchen

Realism calls for more grit

The Grapes of Wrath
Crucible, Sheffield

Five years ago, Chicago's Steppenwolf Company shacked up temporarily in the Lyttelton Theatre to present their acclaimed version of Steinbeck's gritty 1930s novel about dirt-poor, dispossessed farmers heading west across the parched American wilderness towards the promised land of orange trees and full employment. California, however, proved not to be the free land of their dreams, but a state of private ownership, jobless penury, persecuting cops and crushed strikes.

One critic reviewing Steppenwolf with 1980s optimism announced that the humiliations of the Great Depression — soup kitchens, migrant camps and begging for dimes — were ancient history, literary curios. In 1994, the Crucible's staging of *The Grapes of Wrath*, even in perfect period costume, all dusty workboots and dungarees, is unlikely to be dismissed as irrelevant.

Michael Rudman's production is food for thought. It grows in its second half into a powerful criticism of capitalist individualism. Frank Galati's adaptation (used by Steppenwolf too) is not, however, as tough as the book. Condensing Steinbeck's descriptions of the long journey into songs between scenes is neat and carried off with aplomb. The cast sing country and twang away on guitars, strum-boxes and Jewish harps.

Nevertheless, this makes the overall mood that bit too plucky. *The Grapes of Wrath* should surely be more emotionally harrowing. There ain't nobody can soun' so like folks a-talkin' as ol' John S: the homey humour and vigour of his dialogue are done full justice here. Yet keeping narrative passages (unnecessarily) to a minimum cuts out much of Steinbeck's bleakness.

No stage adaptation could match this encyclopaedically detailed novel. I miss the grind and the grime: the heat, the engine grease, the raw meat, the salt of the earth.

Peter Ruthven Hall's set is less of a mess than life. It has a simple Brechtian beauty all the same with its wooden crates and its slat-sided truck hung with tin pots and wicker baskets. Though Steinbeck's close-ups, time-lapse skyscapes and panoramas of the land are more obviously the stuff of cinema, Hall achieves an epic sweep with his clay-grey stage tapering away to a tiny ridge like far-off mountains.

This is a generally very commendable staging with the occasional sticky moment. A tree crashing down destroying a flood barrier, here reduced to a gingerly descending log, hardly strikes one as a natural disaster.

Patrick O'Kane's Tom Joad, the ex-jailbird, while lacking a mean side, accumulates potent anger. Charlotte Cornwell's Ma Joad manages to be on her last legs and a pillar of strength. Granma and Grampa (Ursula Smith and Roy Heather) are a wheeze, briefly scuttering with buckled-out knees and full of beans. Nobody really stands out, but then this is unshowy ensemble playing.

KATE BASSETT



Patrick O'Kane (Tom Joad) and Charlotte Cornwell (Ma Joad): Michael Rudman's staging of Steinbeck's novel grows into a powerful critique of capitalist individualism

Racists must take the rap

Jumpshot
Riverside Studios

This is the first play I have seen to tackle the recent troubles in London's East End between neo-Nazi and anti-racist demonstrators, writes *Kate Bassett*. It is a theatrically tricky but commendable endeavour. *Jumpshot* avoids the dangers of reconstructing actual events. It sticks to a fictional setting particularly practical for this youth drama project.

Junior is captain of an ethnically mixed community basketball team. He thinks his brother Lewis is just making trouble accusing Brimble, the club chairman, of racism. However, discrimination increases and the discovery that Brimble, also a local councillor, is behind a fascist magazine sparks off rallies and tragic clashes between factions.

The team have a wail of a time adlibbing whoops and snores while their captain stumbles through an official speech. Junior (Mark Asante) and Lewis (the professional Mo Sesay) are very funny doing their goofy funky dance routine as exuberant brotherly bonding. But the singing often makes you wish you were tone deaf; stage shyness is not helped by a vast floor space; and in the flashback to black roots, the tribal dance, while technically proficient, is hardly wild.

Perhaps this makes sense in the light of the sharply ironic song that follows. "Civilise me if you please," the black slaves harmonise standing quietly in line as white colonialists savagely strike them with their rifles. The action is strongest when it shifts boldly into non-naturalism. The guns, with barbed inappropriateness, are innocent rainbow-painted cut-outs, and the soldiers have comedy red noses.

Clinton Blake takes directorial risks which almost always or — if you are less indulgent — always almost come off all right. While we are assaulted by a soundtrack of police shouting over walkie-talkies and mass chanting, on stage a rioting mob in half darkness and silence seem to hurl stones straight at us. It is a stylised scene that drives home the reality of racial violence. John Taylor's plot is rudimentary and the play essentially pedagogic, but then we haven't learnt from history. Cynthia Brown's closing number is an explosive appeal for peace: a (for once female) rapper incites ethnic harmony with aggressive urgency. Rap, unlike theatre generally, takes politicised speeches in its stride.

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OPERA: Donizetti's great comedy on tour; and a student staging of Massenet's masterpiece

Magic in the mixture

L'elisir d'amore
Sadler's Wells

English Touring Opera's spring pairing is completed by Stephen Medcalf's straightforward production of Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore*, first seen last autumn and now revived by Martin Lloyd-Evans. It is on the surface a pretty straightforward opera, with a simple story and a small cast, ideal for a touring company.

The same applies essentially to the music: nothing too demanding for the listener, though for the singers and players it is a different matter. Isabella Bywater's simple but dramatic set, a landscape created by a gigantic, vertical assembly of stripped pine floorboards, and Medcalf's placing of the opera in the American Mid-West in the Fifties — with bottles of Coke as the elixir — both work well. So does Amanda Holden's witty translation, at least when you can hear it.

Yet not suprisisingly there are times when these young voices do not quite measure up to the composer's demands. Niall Morris, who sings the role of Nemorino and whose tenor has a lovely, smooth middle register, as yet cannot extend that quality to the very top or to the very bottom of his range. But his acting of the naive, love-lorn reject made good wants for nothing, his body language capturing perfectly the childish besottedness of the boy, while he brings off his sentimental Act II show-stopper, "Una furtiva lagrima", like a real trouper.

Opposite him, his reluctant lover Adina, a curious mixture of snob and tart, is sung by Susan Gritton, sure in technique though I would prefer a harder edge to the sound and perhaps to her rather over-homely characterisation, though her casual haughtiness was appealing. Why such an apparently liberated woman falls so readily for the hip-gyrating, gum-chewing army sergeant, Belcore, is anybody's guess. Patrick Donnelly, who plays him, has a gift of a role which he seizes readily, threatening to steal the show whenever he appears.

Michael John Pearson, as Dulcamara the quack, is a smooth-voiced, moustachioed spiv, though in his patter songs he sometimes experiences problems of rhythmic coordination with the pit. Mark Shanahan conducts briskly though with due attention to the ever-present tenderness which inevitably eventually triumphs.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Youthful passion stirs

Werther
Royal Academy of Music

To choose what is probably Massenet's most popular and musically demanding work for a student production looks dangerously like hubris. But the London Royal Schools Vocal Faculty (the opera schools of the Academy and College combined) can field at least one highly capable Werther, and when the cast changes tomorrow there may well be another in the offing.

Aled Hall's typically Welsh, high, sweet tenor is well inside the musical and verbal idiom of Massenet's writing, even if the extremes still, naturally, tax a voice which needs to be brought further forward and supported more robustly at the top of its register. But Hall already has the strength to share in the orchestra's romantic rhapsodies, and the nimbleness for the quickest flutters of our hero's heart. There is an appropriate cutting edge of pain there, too.

His two women — the married Charlotte, whom he loves, and the bird-like Sophie who loves him — are also strongly cast. Fiona Vaughan's is a true nightingale of a Sophie. Her radiant, characterful soprano all but eclipses the thoughtful but still cautious Charlotte of Bulgarian Violetka Ivanova: a distinctive smokey-hued mezzo in its earliest stages of musical and dramatic life.

Her stolid, bewildered husband Albert is more sophisticated than most, thanks to Christopher Maltman's cultivated baritone. Among the smaller parts, the young Icelandic bass, Tómas Tómasson, makes quite a mark with his resonant Bailiff.

Ceri Sherlock, directing, seems in two minds whether to draw the audience in — the Act III interior has an almost Ibsen-like, sombre intensity — or to bounce us back from the surface of a production whose open-plan scene changes include an aggressively alienating slosh of sticky red paint from a pail along the entrance diagonal of the dying Werther.

The almost constant and kaleidoscopic play of the lighting on Richard Aylwin's Hundertwasser-style floral backdrop is a distraction made all the more unnecessary by the vivid musical light and movement coming from the Royal Academy Sinfonia in the pit, conducted with huge enthusiasm by Michael Rosewell.

HILARY FINCH

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Fiona Pitt-Kethley admires new verses by the best poet laureate we never had: Stephen Spender, 85 next week and still developing

At the edge of Being

DOLPHINS
By Stephen Spender
Faber, £12.99

At the age when many pensioners are content to suck toffees in front of the telly, Sir Stephen Spender has produced another collection of poetry, *Dolphins*. There is no doubt that poets grow old well, if not always gracefully. I once gave a reading at a Scottish university with several elderly poets. Gavin Ewart was the spring chicken of the party. All of them stayed up late talking over the odd whisky or two and then appeared fresh as a daisy in the hotel breakfast room next morning.

Born in 1909, Spender's life has been a gradual metamorphosis from beautiful youth to grand old man of literature. Yet, as you read his poems, it is difficult to guess the age of the man behind: only the events covered give any inkling of this.

There are overlaps in style, not so much with other poets of his generation as with younger men from quintessentially English backgrounds — both Hugo Williams and Andrew Motion spring to mind. His style, in many ways, is that of a much younger man, because it changes from poem to poem. While a poem like "Airman" more or less fits his early Georgian mould, most of his late productions do not. This is the work of a man who is still developing, still striving for new ideas and who still has much to say.

In his *Collected Poems*, he tells us "clarity has always been my aim" and gives a clue to his *modus operandi*: "In reworking poems I have always done so with the sense that in writing a poem I have certain intentions which I very rarely forget. If I take up a notebook and find in it a sketch for a poem which I made many years ago, I can remember exactly what I was setting out to do, and I sometimes find I can continue it as though I had written the sketch yesterday."

It is significant that he uses the word "sketch". In many ways his poems are comparable to an art the English have excelled in — the watercolour. He has a talent for delicate description that sets the scene with great visual accuracy.

In one of the best poems in the collection, "Her House", a woman dreams of her home where "The slate roof gleamed like dove feathers". The dream turns more sinister by the end. Few people write metaphysical poems these days, but this is certainly one.


Stephen Spender in the Thirties

For me, "Her House" is about a confident materialistic person facing up to the possibility of loss and death, but as with all the best poems, other interpretations are possible. Loss runs through several poems as a theme; often it's the loss of a family that has grown up and left, rather than the greater loss of death. The emotions in these poems are subtle rather than obvious. There are no great romantic love lyrics or angry tirades.

"A First War Childhood" contains one of the most pleasing descriptions of night I've seen for a long time:

The ceiling skylight
Where, mile on mile,
Tons of dark weighed
Pressing on glass,
And stars like jewels
In cogs of a watch
Divided time
Into minutes and seconds.

The test of good poets is whether you can read their work twice. It is often only on a second reading that these beautiful passages of description emerge. While Spender is not an overtly religious poet, there has always been an awareness in his work of a power outside ourselves. Just before a bomb explodes in the same poem, he writes:

Out of that Nowhere
Surrounding all
So that any point anywhere
Was at the centre,
There fell a voice
Like a waterfall
Speaking through space
I AM I AM I AM.

"I AM" also comes at the end of the book's title poem, as the dolphins affirm their being, tails sign-writing in air and water. Does Spender worship the biblical or some more pantheistic "I AM"?

The war poems are among the strongest. "History and Reality" is headed by a quote from Simone Weil: "Sin is nothing but the refusal to recognise human misery." This poem catalogues the subtle guilt felt by a Jewess living in England while hearing about the Holocaust:

She starved her body to pure thought
To be one with her people snatched
From ghettoes by the SS.

He describes the horrors of which we have all heard:

Women and children, the old, the sick
Who taken to a yard, were robbed
Of jewellery, satchels, playthings, shoes —
And made to stand there when a voice
From a watch-tower proclaimed they would
Be cleansed of lice, and being Jews.

If this were direct description of events, the poem would be a less important one. The Jewess empathising with the sufferings of her people gives greater depth and interest. Spender handles history well. He would have made a good poet laureate.

An old man's vision

Claire Messud

TOO FAR FROM HOME
By Paul Bowles
Peter Owen, £13.50

Novel seems a big word for *Too Far From Home*, the new offering from the long silent and now venerable Paul Bowles. Presented in an elegantly produced volume of widely-spaced text interspersed with Marguerite McBey's sketches of the Sahara, it might more accurately be called a novella, or even a long short story.

Bowles fans will be pleased that 25 years of fictional silence (and encroaching age: the author is now in his mid-eighties) have not altered his unique, macabre sensibility or disrupted his cosmic vision. The interplay between a subconscious authenticity and the constraints of the surface is still at the heart of the work, as is a conception of Africa and the Africans as ultimately enigmatic but wholly pure, the representatives of the dark, mystic human truth from which Europeans are forever alienated.

The story concerns an American woman named Anita who, following her divorce, has left New York to join her painter brother Tom in a village in the desert near Timbuktu. She fears the landscape and she fears its people: she is, in short, miserable, and writes complaining letters to her friends in America. "You may wonder why I don't describe the place, tell you what it looks like. I can't," she writes to one. "I don't believe I could be objective about it, which would mean that when I finished you'd have less of an idea what it's like than before I started."


Paul Bowles: venerable?

Inevitably, what ensues is a voyage into her own psyche, a confrontation with her prejudices and anxieties. At the core of the tale is a tragic motorcycle accident to which Anita is the only witness and of which, in some way, she feels herself to be the cause. Her guilt-ridden dream life is then visited by a mangled but living corpse that she must lick, in a nightmare as grotesque as any in literature. This scene is vintage Bowles, with the deft unveiling of horror which has always characterised his work. Such scenes still retain their power to shock: it is debatable only whether Anita's experience is more or less troubling for being a nightmare, when her entire African expedition shares the dream's hyper-real quality.

Bowles has said that fiction eluded him after the death of his wife, the writer Jane Bowles, in 1973. But what *Too Far From Home* serves to confirm is that she continues to live in his imagination. Like Kit Moresby in Bowles's most famous novel, *The Sheltering Sky*, Anita bears more than a passing resemblance to Jane. Anita's letters, for example, are peppered with the jaunty, now-dated slang typical of Jane's correspondence. But above all it is the unwilling intensity of her involvement with Africa — as a locus of evil, as a site of hidden truth, as a horrible, engulfing, necessary experience for any understanding of her self — that most closely mirrors Jane Bowles's life: just as Tom's coolly interested detachment, like Port's in *The Sheltering Sky*, has parallels with Bowles's own, more reserved temperament.

At the close of *Too Far From Home*, Anita and Tom set off again for home, for America. Although an admission of failure, it is the only possible hope for Anita. She, unlike her brother, would otherwise be devoured by their desert existence because, despite herself, she seeks a type of spiritual involvement with it. Anita's escape is a rewriting of history: Jane, who lived too close if not to Africa, then to what it represented in her mind — the nightmare experience of the pure subconscious that Paul Bowles conveys so well — did not return to her American home and eventually paid for her search for authenticity with her life.

In turning anew to fiction, Bowles has found a way to rekindle his familiar disturbing themes, although not to provide solutions to them. He has also found a way to keep alive his wife's tormenting quest. *Too Far From Home* may make slight reading for those unfamiliar with Bowles's work, but for readers with an interest in the writing of either Paul or Jane, the book offers an intriguing if ambiguous coda to not one but two significant *oeuvres*.

The ignominy of our natures

There is no denying that we are a deceitful lot. The dealings of patients with doctors provide especially inappropriate and therefore fertile ground for deception's luxuriant growths. "Disease forgery" is the subject of *Patient or Pretender*. No area of medicine or surgery is immune: simulated cancer, feigned bereavement, self-induced anaemia, dermatitis or infection, spurious psychosis, "pseudo-seizures" and the production of illness in children by parents or carers, by no means exhaust the variety of the genre.

The deceptions are often elaborate and usually convincing. Exceptions to this rule are sometimes comic. The most gullible of medics should have had his suspicions aroused by the tale of a twin pregnancy involving delivery of one infant in Texas, the other in Tennessee. "Pseudologia fantastica" is a hallmark of the extravagant variety of factitious disorder "respectfully dedicated" to Baron von Münchausen, the colourful 18th-century raconteur.

The problem is not trivial. Ten per cent of "fevers of unknown origin" prove to be self-induced. Four per cent of kidney stones offered up by patients "have not been produced in the body". The Beverly Allitt case has recently brought "Munchausen by proxy" into the public eye. The case is an extreme example of a common phenomenon, although the culpable adult is much more often a mother than a nurse.

Once the habit of feigning illness is established, the prognosis is poor: sufferers may inflict mortal ills upon themselves, and doctors compound their predicament with invasive tests and "treatment". The outlook is worse when illness is induced in a child: one in ten victims of "Munchausen by proxy" will die; one in ten of their siblings will have succumbed to unknown causes in early childhood.

What gives rise to such bizarre behaviour? Feigned illness sometimes offers a route of escape from intolerable circumstances, such as enemy fire. But its origins are usually more complex: an unmet need for sympathy and support is common; so are a deep anger, and an early experience of serious illness or abuse. Feigning illness is a means of controlling others with a minimum of responsibility.

Adam Zeman

PATIENT OR PRETENDER
Inside the Strange World of Factitious Disorders
By Marc D. Feldman and Charles V. Ford
John Wiley, £14.95

HOW WE DIE
By Sherwin B. Nuland
Chatto & Windus, £15.99

A MEDICAL TOUR through the Whole Island of Great Britain
By Louis Appleby
Faber, £14.99


Anatomy Lesson, unsigned woodcut in Johannes de Ketham's *Fascicolo di Medicina*, Venice 1493, from the definitive study by David Landau and Peter W. Parshall: *The Renaissance Print, 1470-1550* (Yale, £45)

Patient or Pretender deserves to succeed in raising awareness of these extraordinary disorders. But it left me disappointed. Factitious disorders belong to a continuum which includes *malingering* — disease forgery for material gain — at one extreme, and hysteria — supposedly unconscious conversion of emotional conflict into physical symptoms — at the other. Hysteria raises fascinating psychological issues which are ignored here, as is most of the subject's history: neither Charcot nor Freud is mentioned. There is little reflection or elegance of style.

The deficiencies of *Patient or Pretender* are the strengths of Nuland's remarkable book, *How We Die*. He sets out to provide a level-headed account of the kinds of death which most of us will meet.

Eighty per cent of Americans die in hospital but, as Nuland points out, there is a peculiar silence from the front line. "Physicians and nurses, who see death often, rarely write about it." Nuland is a highly literate surgeon and a gifted witness. His eyes remain wide open, at times when most of us would look away in horror or in pity.

He is sympathetic to modern medicine, but warns that doctors cannot be relied on to ensure that we "use increasing knowledge with increasing wisdom" towards the end of life. He advocates a form of self-help, not to ease our going — "Taking our own life is almost always the wrong thing to do" — but to remove the "half-knowledge, anxiety and unjustified expectations" that surround it. Some knowledge of the ways of death may enable us to avoid two sources of unnecessary misery at a miserable time: the denial that prevents too many of us from taking proper leave of those we love, and the futility of attempts at cure beyond the point of no return.

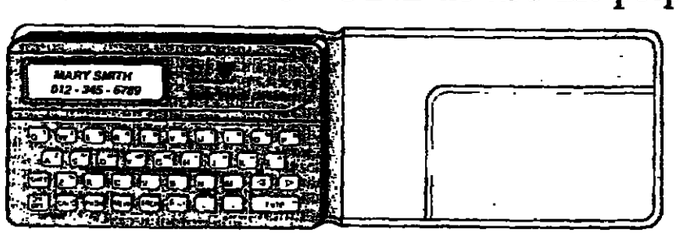
Above all, Nuland champions life: "the greatest dignity to be found in death is the dignity of the life that preceded it". This is a beautifully written, informative, thoughtful and sensible book.

In the wake of deception and death, *A Medical Tour* offers an amiable diversion. The book is a kind of *Casualty* on wheels. Appleby conjures up the variety of our nation's landscape, and of the ailments they engender, from suicide at the Clifton Bridge to Aids in Edinburgh. Dorset, for instance, offers a past of plague, and of "fair milkmaids" whose fortunate faces helped Jenner to discover vaccination; its present is salmonella and BSE, or "mad cow disease".

The pace is quick, and the famous tales of British medicine, of Burke and Hare, or the Broad Street pump, are told well, if briefly. Affectionate homage is paid to Daniel Defoe, in whose footsteps this book follows. Encountering a miner near Matlock, as if risen from "the dark regions", "lean as a skeleton . . . the colour of lead itself", Defoe reacted "as any Englishman would; he bought the man a drink".

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Children are civilians too

Sandra Sudi

ZLATA'S DIARY
By Zlata Filipovic
Viking, £9.99

THERE has been a golden rule in Sarajevo ever since the war broke out: stay away from windows. At the beginning, when the windows still had glass in them, it was in order not to get wounded with pieces of glass. And later, when plastic replaced glass, so as not to be hit by sniper bullets.

I still remember the horror I felt when I heard a story about my friend Alma's little cousin. He was ten at that time and one day, during one of the numerous shellings on Sarajevo, he just was not with his family in the shelter. Alma's sister went looking for him and finally found him sitting by the window in their flat. When asked why he did that, he replied: "I want to die."

Zlata Filipović was 11 when she started keeping her journal in September 1991. At that time she was just another happy, normal schoolgirl who took lessons in English, piano, singing and tennis, had a room full of posters of models and pop groups and went skiing with her friends in the nearby mountains. She simply enjoyed her life, until March 1992 and the first Chetnik (Bosnian-Serb nationalist) barricades. All of a sudden, her life changed its course — the diary changes in tone. Zlata's world shrank to a front room of their flat and cellar during shellings. Water, electricity, gas became rarities, food as well. "BOREDOM!!! SHOOTING!!! SHELLING!!! PEOPLE BEING KILLED!!! DESPAIR!!! HUNGER!!! MISERY!!! FEAR!!! That's my life! The life of an innocent 11-year-old schoolgirl . . . without friends, without the sun . . . without fruit . . . without childhood . . . Why?"

Life took on a new form so close to death: new friends took the place of old ones who were killed or fled from Sarajevo. They learnt to live in a microworld of their own, taking one day at a time and making the best of it. Zlata became rather resilient and did not lose her sense of humour. She calls Bosnian politicians "kids", the Chetniks "boys": "Our own tiresome sniper, we call him 'Jovo', was in a playful mood today." The last date in the book is October 17, 1993; Zlata was discovered by the foreign media, and two months later she left Sarajevo with her parents for Paris.

"Life in a closed circle continues," she wrote. "You want the circle to open and the sun of peace to shine on you again." She managed to get out of that circle by keeping her journal and in that way distancing herself from the cruelty of war and despair it brought. Alma's cousin was not so lucky.

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Sketchwriter to the nation

Peter Ackroyd on the journalism of Dickens, which contains the stuff of a hundred novels

It is sometimes forgotten that Charles Dickens was a newspaper reporter long before he became a novelist, and that he remained a journalist and editor until the end of his life. That is why a uniform edition of his journalistic sketches and essays is such a welcome addition to the canon: this first volume is particularly important because it emphasises the fact that Dickens's first public fame and success came from his newspaper work. He always remained grateful for his training in that admirable if haphazard discipline.

The story of his first publication is well known — how he dropped a short story "with fear and trembling" into the letter box of an obscure magazine, only to see it in the full glory of print a few days later. He acquired his reputation with his "Sketches of London" for the *Evening Chronicle* and then "Scenes And Characters" for *Bell's Life In London*. In fact *Pickwick Papers was seen at the time as no* more than an extension of his increasingly celebrated journalism, which is why it was issued in monthly parts as if it were a periodical. It is now considered very "Dickensian" and jolly, but in fact he reserved this characteristic mixture of farce and pathos, tragedy and sentiment, for his journalistic exercises; they were informal and improvisatory and, as Professor Slater remarks in his astute introduction, Dickens still believed that volume publication demanded a level of "high seriousness" which he was not attempting with the adventures of Mr Pickwick.

In many respects he remained a journalist, in fact, snatching up themes and images from the continually changing texture of the life around him. It is this gift of vivid immediacy, combined with his subsequent huge popularity, that has encouraged many cultural observers to believe that in the late 20th century he would have been a film-maker or a writer of television soap-operas — hardly a successful film or drama series emerges without its writer or director being described as "another Dickens". It is nonsense, of course. In the 19th century the form closest to cinema or television was that of the popular theatre — Dickens tried his hand in that medium, and failed completely. He could never write dialogue without becoming false or melodramatic. He was always an artist of the written, not the spoken, word.

That is not to suggest that he was anything other than a great mimic and observer, and the aspect of his journalism which most appealed to his contemporaries was his "startling fidelity" to the speech of various urban characters. He also possessed a remarkable verbal

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Edited by Michael Slater
Dent, £30

memory, derived from his time as a reporter in the House of Commons, and he could repeat the mutterings of a sarcastic waiter or the tirades of a irate housewife with extraordinary skill. A hackney cab careers down the street, for example, "ven bump they cums agin the post, and out flies the fare like bricks". In the late 18th century one of the most common expressions in the London streets was "Never mind it", but we are indebted to Dickens for the knowledge that by the 1820s and 1830s it had become "Niver mind". It is this same capacity for the observation of minute detail that lies behind his description of the "solemn lifting of the little finger of the right hand" when cab drivers passed each other.

Part of Dickens's greatness lay in this ability to introduce London demotic within the context of a broadly based literary language because, by those means, he was able to give literary expression to a quite new range of voices. It is perhaps the mark of genius to stand in some symbolic relationship to its age, and Dickens was the first London journalist to celebrate the life of the urban lower middle class at precisely the time when they were acquiring economic and social significance. Through the medium of Dickens they entered literary discourse at the same time as they entered history.

In the process, of course, Dickens himself entered history. It is often said that a great novelist is continually describing himself in the most unlikely shapes or settings, and in fact Dickens's topical journalism offers a wonderfully brightened image of his own life and imagination. In one of his early magazine pieces he describes the adventures of a man laid up in a sponging house for insolvent debtors, just a few weeks after his own father had been placed in the same unhappy situation. When we read his report, then, we are observing an actual scene before us — "Ikey, put two mould candles in the back parlour, and charge 'em to this gen'lm'n's account . . .". In the same way he writes gossipy paragraphs about various sights of early 19th-century London, from the penny gaffs to the prisons, but he tends to dwell upon those which had already exerted a material effect upon his own young life and were becoming the components of his great vision of the city.

Dickens may have had his predecessors in the realm of urban *facetiae* or essays, but he does not have the detachment of Washington Irving or the whimsical irony of Charles Lamb. He was as close to his material as that day's newspaper or handbill and, since he did not feel himself to be part of any particular literary tradition or form, he wrote rapidly and spontaneously. He was an ambitious young man who wished to make his name as quickly as possible and yet, in the process, he lighted by chance or instinct upon his true inheritance. He discovered his world of drunken cab-drivers, vainglorious beadles and acidulous spinsters; but, more importantly, in the strange mingling of his native temperament with penny-a-line journalism, he created a unique London sensibility and formed a quintessential London art. His is a "hard" vision in the sense that, within it, tragedy and farce can be combined without embarrassment



Charles Dickens c. 1852: the first London journalist to celebrate the urban lower middle class

— it is not the "high" art of George Eliot, for example, but essentially a tough Cockney sensibility transposed to another sphere. These journalistic pieces are filled both with energy and with spectacle, just like the streets of the city which they celebrate.

Of course his journalism is also concerned with the shadows which money and power throw over the poorer inhabitants of London, but Dickens was not a social observer of the Mayhew variety. He was neither a liberal nor an intellectual — in fact he rather despised both — and he eschewed the moral debates of the *bien pensants* of his period in favour of the great general drama of the crowd as well as the intensely theatrical rendition of urban character. It came naturally to him; that is why these earliest writings display such richness and profusion of material that there is stuff for a hundred novels within them. And so this volume is a wonderful introduction to that great urban world which Dickens created, the first of four volumes which will comprehensively define this most important aspect of the novelist's genius.

A novel without fiction

Mary Ann Sieghart

THE MAGNATES
By Susan Crosland
Orion, £14.99

Take one slice of Kenneth Clarke — "one reason he was such an effective parliamentarian was that bellicosity came naturally to him" — and another of Alan Clark — "[he] instructed Lord Scrope how the forms should be filled in to evade the Anglo-American embargo on Arabi [sic]" — and you have Alan Rawlston, Defence Secretary in Susan Crosland's new novel, *The Magnates*. Add a huge dollop of Robert Maxwell — "he's capricious — plus a big streak of sadism. You never know from one minute to the next whether you're in or out" — and Gerald Scrope, evil press baron, is summed up. I have not even started on the famous resemblance between the cuckolded British ambassador to Washington, James Wharton, and our own Peter Jay.

Susan Crosland has been accused of drawing from real life for this book. It is a charge that is hard to refute. The most credible characters are those who can be most easily recognised. And the most interesting relationships are those most obviously based on people Crosland knows. So, for instance, on Wharton's departure from Washington, he takes a job as Scrope's *chef de cabinet*, "sitting in that room outside the Chairman's office, constantly at the mercy of the Chairman's inconstant moods". Wharton is terribly ground down by Scrope's whims of iron. It is no surprise when the press baron is finally unmasked as a crook as well as a bully.

Meanwhile the British Prime Minister is accused by the press of spending "all his time reading the papers searching for any word of criticism", and being "too thin-skinned and defensive to lead the country". And the First Lady in Washington ("an interesting face — good-looking, strong rather than pretty") ticks off a journalist for referring to American Indians rather than "native Americans". As the President's most important adviser, she particularly approves of the new Education Secretary: "She is a representative of two cultures that have been suppressed since society was first determined by Anglo-Saxon males. She is a woman. She is African-American." And, adds the journalist, a lesbian.

But once the reader has had the fun of piecing together the composite characters and matching them to their real-world counterparts, there is not all that much left to enjoy in this book. The language is tired: chapters begin with sentences such as "A sleek Jaguar purred to a halt," skin "looks like porcelain" or is "milky" and emeralds unaccountably manage to match eyes. All three of the main female characters have adulterous affairs, either outside their own marriage or, if single, with a married man. So similar are two of them that I had to keep reminding myself which was married to whom.

The plot is quite entertaining, and Crosland uses the airport thriller technique of jumping briskly from one character to another, often breaking off just as the suspense is rising. *The Magnates* is undemanding, and a jolly enough romp to pass the time on a long flight. But where are the insights that reputedly used to flow from the pen of this incisive writer of political profiles?

Gulags of the dragon



Harry Wu: courageous



Zhou Enlai: cold-blooded

David Pryce-Jones

BITTER WINDS
A Memoir of My Years in China's Gulag
By Harry Wu
John Wiley, £14.95

ELDEST SON
Zhou Enlai and the Making of Modern China, 1898-1976
By Han Suyin
Jonathan Cape, £25

The collapse of the Soviet Union revealed that communism had been far more destructive and murderous than even its most hostile critics had supposed. The secrecy of the system, the remoteness of Gulag camps, and the army of fellow-travellers in the West who were apologists for communism, had successfully obscured reality.

Communism has not yet collapsed in China, but even its present limited reform offers its victims a better chance to speak for themselves. In spite of similar obstacles of geographical and cultural distance, the full truth about the criminality of Chinese communism is emerging.

Harry Wu was among the first to expose the Chinese Gulag, known as *laogai*, a huge network of labour-reform camps, or in plain language, politically-imposed slavery. In the past four decades, at least 50 million people have been sentenced to these camps, according to Wu, and perhaps as many as 20 million are still confined in them. Thousands of nominal factories, farms and mines are actually camps. Forced labour is colossally profitable to the Communist Party. Between a quarter and a third of Chinese exports have been produced in this way. Quantification remains impossible, but Wu concludes that there has never been a nation with a prison system that so pervaded all aspects of industrial production.

Bitter Winds, his new book, is a memoir. Brought up in Shanghai, Wu was part of a large and Catholic family. His father, a bank clerk, had decided in 1949 not to flee from the incoming Communists. From his upbringing, Wu derived a sense of purpose and a moral outlook which doomed him in the short term but also made him today's powerful and courageous protestor. While a student at the Geological Institute in Peking, he was accused of being a "rightist". Arrested in 1960, he spent the next 19 years in *laogai*.

There was not even the pretence of a trial. Arrest included a predetermined sentence of labour reform. Prisoners were put through a routine of exploitation and Maoist indoctrination in which they were obliged to incriminate themselves. Although already in *laogai*, Wu had to suffer the further vicissitudes of the famines of the 1960s and the Cultural Revolution. Several times he nearly died of starvation or illness. Whole chapters are devoted to searching for cabbage stalks or grabbing rolls made of sorghum and food substitutes. This thoughtful, bespectacled and unassuming man could not help degrading himself if he was to survive.

Good friends taught him to dig out rats' nests and hibernating snakes. These friends either died or killed themselves. A day arrived when Wu found that he was able once more to think about others and their survival. Rejecting brutalisation, he could keep himself alive for the sake of bearing witness. Many who emerged from Soviet and Nazi camps have reported that this profoundly human response proved in the end a surer defence than letting go and sinking to the animal level.

He writes now: "I felt no hatred for my captors, no desire for revenge." Once released, he had neither family nor prospects. After a life ruined for cruel reasons which he could do nothing about, he managed to escape to America, and asks only for a hearing. The prose is unemotional, even dry, but there is no mistaking the moral dimension of this cry for justice, that necessary opposite of revenge.

The horrors of persecution and *laogai* never intrude upon Han Suyin's *Eldest Son*, a biography of Zhou Enlai. In the entire historical phenomenon of communism, Zhou was one of the most cold-blooded and sinister characters, a sort of Chinese Molotov and Beria in one. But Han Suyin met him a dozen times, and became, as she puts it, "one of the 'Zhou people' — in spirit." To her, Zhou is peerless, a man without faults, "an enlightened Confucian", no less.

For years now, Han Suyin has been a leading apologist in the West for communist China. In an earlier volume of memoirs, *My House Has Two Doors*, she admits to "lying through my teeth" when denying to diplomats and newsmen that there was famine in China. "Fiercely, wholeheartedly, I was defending China." But what sort of a defence is lying through one's teeth? Only a psychiatrist can probe the whys and wherefores of such wilful denials of reality.

Meanwhile thousands of survivors of communism everywhere have described how painful it was to hear privileged Westerners praising their jail and their jailers, adding monstrous insult to the injuries of physical abuse and terror. "The soldiers marched out singing. Red banners headed every regiment. This was not defeat, oh no. A defiant manifesto had been issued. The Red Army was marching northwards."

Han Suyin's style and contents are pure Stalinist kitsch. Purges were necessary but "conducted with excesses". What service that communist euphemism for murder provides! The Chinese did not invade Tibet but "entered it with the consent of the Tibetan authorities". The Cultural Revolution may one day be appraised favourably, as apparently the Paris Commune has been. Dreamy-looking, Mao was also an elemental force of nature. Beyond the grave, Zhou "remains an inspiration to us all".

Fascinatingly creepy, this book reveals a mind-set impervious to the exposure of facts in the post-Gorbachev era. It has no other merit.

Knew you not Pompey?

Sean French

THE GAME
By Frances Liardet
Macmillan, £8.99 pbk original

THIS coolly accomplished first novel is two sorts of horror story. The first portrays the dislocations of adolescence as the book's principal narrator, Sarah, comes of age in Portsmouth in 1982, the year of the Falklands War. Portsmouth emerges scarcely less grimly from *The Game* than it does from Jonathan Meades's *Pompey*; the Portsmouth tourist authority might well be advised to give both writers generous grants in exchange for a promise to use some other location for their subsequent fiction.

Liardet has a beady eye for all that would seem oppressive about the British coast to the depressed adolescent, the roundabouts and road systems, tarmac, concrete, housing estates: "No fish slither glittering into wicker baskets here — it isn't a Mediterranean resort." The rites of passage flash by with equal grimness, like road signs on a grey day, the driving test, the loss of virginity.

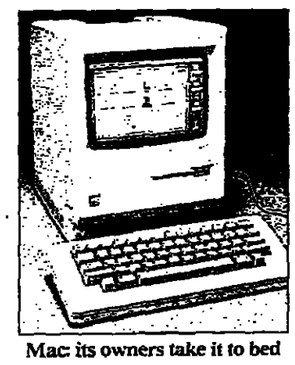
The other horror story is of a far more baroque, extreme kind. At the age of eight, Sarah had become obsessed with a distant French relation, Genevieve, grown up and enticingly wayward and mysterious. Sarah began the relationship with a moment of moral collusion, when she found and hid the pistol that Genevieve always carried with her. In the following years Sarah visited Genevieve in south-west France and was gradually introduced to a world of sexual and social intrigue that was new to her. These characters include Genevieve's estranged husband Belar, and her daughter, Naomi, and two subsequent lovers, Henri and Jean-René.

A substantial section of the book is also narrated by Jean-René, who discovers, as Sarah never does, the nature of the sado-masochistic games that Belar and Genevieve played together. We are told early on that Genevieve has died violently but we have to wait to discover exactly what happened, the degree to which Sarah is implicated and the nature of its continuing influence in Sarah's world in 1982, nearly five years later.

THE CONNECTION of coming of age with exterior tragedy is a familiar subject in books like *The Go-Between*, but the most relevant comparison here is perhaps the work of Ruth Rendell in her Barbara Vine persona. Liardet shares Rendell's sense of pubescent angst reflected in the all too real horrors of the outside world. What Liardet lacks, perhaps unsurprisingly, is Rendell's flawless control. Certain sections of *The Game*, especially those narrated by Jean-René, are, beneath the melodrama and the intricate narrative machinery, not interesting enough. It is a story in the end that you never quite yield yourself to.

Nevertheless, if the book is not completely a success, it fails on a high level. With its multiple points of view, its shifts in time and space, the precision of its language and its steely power, *The Game* is an accomplished, highly intelligent first novel.

Little Mac and the computer nerd



Mac: its owners take it to bed

John Diamond

INSANELY GREAT
The Life and Times of Macintosh, The Computer That Changed Everything
By Steven Levy
Viking, £15

Brand loyalty is not generally the computer user's most evident trait: people who must process words and fill out spreadsheets for a living use what they're given at the office or what the man in Dixons says they should use. But ten years ago this month Steve Jobs, a bearded Californian whose fundamental nerdishness was balanced only by his having turned Apple Computer Inc from a nickle-and-dime hobby into a billion dollar corporation while still in his twenties, produced the Apple Macintosh. Brand loyalty didn't begin to describe the fanaticism of the new computer's owners: the Mac became the first computer that its users took to bed with them. For Mac people the point about Michael Crichton or Stephen Fry is not that they write immensely successful books but that they write them on Macintoshes.

Throughout the Macintosh's development Jobs had an entirely nerdish description of the computer he was aiming for: it was to be, he said "insanely great". The asylum in which the insanity was to be cultivated was peopled with mavericks: computer engineers, artists, writers, superannuated hippies knew that computerised greatness was about more than building a computer for other computer engineers. The result was a machine which was ridiculously expensive, laughably underpowered and for which there were only two small, slow programs available.

The Macintosh had one great trick, though: it didn't look like a computer. While the opposition was building — and selling — machines which demanded that their users remember arcane and entirely unmemorable sets of commands which they would tap onto blinding yellow-on-green screens, the Macintosh was an elegant tool which asked no more of its users than that they use a mouse to point at lists of commands written in good English, and click a button. The retina-searing screens became, in the Mac, black letters on a white background, and rather fancy black letters at that.

The Macintosh was the cybernetic equivalent of the first car that didn't demand that its drivers be able to strip down an engine; it was, as the company ads announced at the time, "the computer for the rest of us". When the Macintosh got faster and more powerful and plummeted in price it should have taken over the world. Instead, 90 per cent of the machines on the world's desktops are IBMs or their equivalents, working crippled versions of the Macintosh system, and the other 10 per cent are owned by Macintosh fanatics, proselytisers who, like me, can't understand why anybody would bother with any other machine — people, indeed, who understand why a book on this computer should make it onto a mainstream publisher's general list.

Levy's book details the birth of the Mac in the sort of language that computer nerds think that the computer-illiterate — which is to say Mac-users — speak in. It goes back to the earliest days of computer-building, to the development of the bits of system which were junked by their original developers as too un-computerly and hijacked for use in the Mac. It explains why roomfuls of pizza-eating Grateful Dead fans might be the ones best suited to computer development, but not to computer sales. Most of all it explains just which buses Steve Jobs and his successors contrived to miss and through which egotistic excesses they managed to miss them.

None of this is particularly new, although Levy has managed to talk at length to bit-players whose story has never made it to print before. But so far most of the facts have only appeared in computer magazines. And Macintosh users, almost by definition, don't read them.

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Valuing estate and interest therein for tax

Gray v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment February 9]

A tenanted freehold estate and a partnership interest which held the tenancy could be valued together as a single unit of property for capital transfer tax purposes. A dispute between the taxpayer and the Revenue over the composite asset consisting of the freehold interest and the partnership share was a matter which the Lands Tribunal had jurisdiction to value as an interest in land.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the Inland Revenue Commissioners from the decision of the Lands Tribunal which had allowed an appeal by the taxpayer, Robin Gray, as surviving executor of the estate of Lady Fox, deceased.

Mr Nicholas Warren, QC for the Revenue; Mr Richard Bramwell, QC and Mr Alun James for the taxpayer.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said that the appeal concerned the valuation of agricultural land for capital transfer tax on death. Lady Fox died on March 27, 1981. She was the freehold owner of the 3,000-acre Croxton Park Estate in Cambridgeshire, which was let to a farming partnership in which she had a 92.5 per cent interest.

The question for the Lands Tribunal was whether the freehold estate should be valued as if it had been let to strangers or whether the valuation should take account of Lady Fox's interest in the partnership which held the tenancy.

The estate consisted of different items of property and its value was the aggregate of the value of all those items. The valuation of each item had to be made in accordance with section 38 of the Finance Act 1975 which provided: "the value at any time of any property shall for the purposes of capital transfer tax be the price which the property might reasonably be expected to fetch if sold in the open market at that time".

The Revenue's view was that the prudent vendor would have sold the freehold of Croxton Park Estate together with Lady Fox's interest in the partnership. In the present case the parties agreed that the estate would have been worth £2,751,000 tenanted but £6,125,000 with vacant possession.

The Cambridge District Valuer thought that Lady Fox's interest in the partnership would in practice have enable her or anyone else in her place to obtain vacant possession for a relatively modest additional payment to acquire the interests of the other two partners who had respectively a 2.5 per cent and a 5 per cent interest. The principal asset of the partnership was the lease which was unassignable, so that its value lay in what the freeholder might be willing to pay for a surrender.

The valuer estimated that the surrender value of the tenancy was £1,500,000 being about 45 per cent of the additional value created by adding it to the freehold. He valued the 7.5 per cent interest in the asset at £100,000. Thus a hypothetical purchaser who bought the freehold and the partnership share could reasonably reckon on obtaining vacant possession by laying out an additional £100,000.

To allow for the possibility that there might be delay or that the two partners might hold out for more or some other unexpected hitch occur, the valuer deducted another £460,000 or 7.5 per cent of the vacant possession value. On that basis he concluded that as the estate with vacant possession was agreed to be worth £6,125,000 a hypothetical purchaser would have been willing to pay £560,000 less for the tenanted freehold and Lady Fox's interest in the partnership so far as it was attributable to the tenancy. That produced a figure of £5,565,000 of which the valuer thought that £4,280,768 should be apportioned to the freehold interest.

As £5,565,000 was more than could be obtained by separate sales of the freehold reversion and a share in a partnership holding an unassignable tenancy, the Revenue contended that a prudent hypothetical seller would have sold the two interests together. The taxpayer thought otherwise.

A dispute over the valuation of the freehold reversion was undoubtedly a matter for the Lands Tribunal. But what of a dispute over a composite asset consisting of the freehold and the partnership share? The partnership assets included personalty. The taxpayer contended that the whole partnership interest was personalty.

To avoid any suggestion that the Lands Tribunal was being asked to value assets over which it had no jurisdiction, the Revenue devised a complicated notice of determination. Taking advantage of paragraph 6(2)(f) of Schedule 4 of the 1975 Act, which said that the Revenue might determine any matter which appeared to them relevant for the purpose of capital transfer tax, they determined the following matters:

1 That the value of Lady Fox's freehold interest in the estate was an "appropriate proportion" of the value of the freehold and her interest in the farming partnership aggregated as a single unit of valuation;

2 That the "appropriate proportion" should be calculated by first determining what part of the value of the aggregated asset was attributable to the freehold and her partnership interest in the tenancy and then apportioning that figure between the two interests;

3 That the value attributable to the two interests in the land was £5,565,000 and the value to be attributed to the freehold was £4,280,768.

Could the two interests be aggregated for the purposes of valuation? Section 38 required one to consider what a particular item of property would fetch if sold on the open market. Mr Bramwell said that the process had to be one of valuation, not the attribution of part of the value of something else. He said that the notice of determination did not value any actual item of property.

In his Lordship's judgment, the notice did assume a value for a single unit consisting of the two interests. It did not quantify that value because for the purpose of determining the value of one item of property undoubtedly within the jurisdiction of the Lands Tribunal, namely the freehold interest, it was not necessary to do so.

The notice determined the method by which that interest should be valued. That method must necessarily involve the apportionment of the price which the composite asset would fetch. And there was no criticism of the formula which the Revenue had used for the purposes of apportionment. In his Lordship's judgment, the exercise performed by the notice was in accordance with section 38.

Mr Bramwell's next point was that the division of jurisdiction as to the valuation of land and property other than land meant that for the purposes of section 38, land could never be supposed to have been sold in conjunction with some other form of property. The Lands Tribunal also accepted that argument which was wrong in his Lordship's view. In his Lordship's judgment, jurisdiction was no objection to an aggregation required by the principle stated in *Buccleuch v IRC* ([1967] AC 506). In the present case the Lands Tribunal had jurisdiction because the entire determination raised questions "as to the value of land". So far as the tribunal had to consider the value of assets which were not land, that was only part of the process of reasoning by which it arrived at an answer to the substantial question in the determination, namely the value of the freehold interest.

His Lordship did not think that it mattered whether or not Lady Fox's partnership interest included an interest in the tenancy which was itself "land". The Lands Tribunal rejected the Revenue's argument that it was land and that accordingly there was no jurisdictional barrier to valuing it together with the freehold. In his Lordship's view, the Revenue was right.

As between themselves, partners were not entitled individually to exercise proprietary rights over any of the partnership assets because they had subjected those rights to the terms of the partnership deed. As regards the outside world, however, the partnership deed was irrelevant. The partners were collectively entitled to each and every asset of the partnership in which each of them had an undivided share.

It was that outside view which identified the nature of the property falling to be valued for capital transfer tax. In his Lordship' judgment, Lady Fox had for the purposes of section 38, a 92.5 per cent interest in the tenancy which the Lands Tribunal had jurisdiction to value as an interest in land.

Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor for Inland Revenue; Farrer & Co.

VAT law compatible with EC directive

Regina v Ryan (Edmund Joseph)
Regina v Ryan (James Joseph)
Regina v Ryan (Patrick Edmund)

Before Lord Justice Farquharson, Mr Justice Garland and Mr Justice Cazalet

[Judgment February 17]

Although the European Community exempted betting, lotteries and other forms of gambling from value-added tax, member states were entitled to place limitations on that exemption so that the imposition by the United Kingdom of VAT on gaming machines was lawful.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing the appeals of Edmund Joseph Ryan, James Joseph Ryan and Patrick Edmund Ryan against their convictions in February 1992 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Judge Stable, QC and a jury) of cheating the public revenue.

Edmund Ryan was sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined £150,000 with two years consecutive in default, with an order to pay £25,000 towards prosecution costs. James Ryan was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment and fined £10,000 with six months consecutive in default, with an order to pay £5,000 towards prosecution costs. Patrick Ryan was sentenced to nine months imprisonment.

Mr Anthony Hooper, QC and Mr Richard Carey-Hughes, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Edmund Ryan; Mr Steven Schusman, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Patrick Ryan; Mr John Black, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for James Ryan; Mr *Gibson Grenfell and Miss Carey* Johnston for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE CAZALET, giving the judgment of the court, said that the prosecution case was that Edmund Ryan and another man had, dishonestly, failed to account for VAT due on the takings of gaming machines which they had installed in certain public houses and elsewhere; and that the other defendants, their employees, had been party to such failures to account.

At the trial, defence counsel moving, unsuccessfully, to quash the indictment contended that the relevant domestic legislation was incompatible with the law of the European Community, by which such takings were exempt from tax. The ruling by the trial judge on that point was now put in issue in the appeals.

Article 2 of the Sixth Council Directive of the EEC (77/388/EC) (OJ 1977 L145 p1) on the harmonisation of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes: common system of VAT; uniform basis of assessment, provided: "The following should be subject to value-added tax: (i) The supply of goods or services effected for consideration within the territory of the country by a taxable person as such."

Article 13B listed among a number of categories for member states to exempt: "(f) Betting, lotteries and other forms of gambling, subject to conditions and limitations laid down by each member state."

In his ruling, the trial judge held that the limitation arising under paragraph (f) gave the member state the right to restrict the scope of the exemption. The scope of those exemptions was not to be extended by domestic legislation; nor should such legislation be in terms which made it possible for potential taxpayers to escape paying tax where the directive would require them to do so.

The judge went on to point out that the reason for such provisions was apparent when it was recalled that Community finance derived from VAT. Accordingly exempting activities from VAT reduced income, whereas limiting exemptions had the opposite effect.

Thus it was that the Sixth Directive required member states to apply narrowly the exemptions, leaving them free to restrict those exemptions should they so wish.

The judge and their Lordships were referred to the unreported decision of the VAT Tribunal of December 2, 1992 of *M.J. Feehan v Commissioners of Customs and Excise* where essentially the same point arose as to the meaning of the Sixth Directive.

The decision of the chairman was that the word "limitations" was wide enough to enable the legislature of the member state to provide for the levying of VAT on the proceeds of gambling by means of gaming machines. While the decision of the VAT Tribunal was not binding on the Court of Appeal it was none the less of persuasive authority.

Mr Hooper submitted that that decision wrongly construed the relevant wording of paragraph (f). He submitted that if one looked at the directive as a whole in regard to actual exemptions made therein, clear wording was used as to the extent of any specific exemption.

Alternatively, he submitted that so unclear was the meaning of the word "limitations" in its context in paragraph (f) that the question of its true meaning should be referred to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for clarification.

Their Lordships did not consider that there was substance in those arguments. In the context of paragraph (f) the word "limitations" had to be given its ordinary and natural meaning. It followed that member states were entitled to place limitations on the overall exemption. That was to say they were entitled to remove the exemption on VAT from takings on gaming machines.

Their Lordships considered that the limitation from exemption of gaming machines by UK legislation came within the provisions of paragraph (f) of article 13B. Accordingly, the trial judge's reasons and ruling, namely that the relevant provisions of the Sixth Directive were compatible with UK legislation, would be upheld.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs & Excise.

Altered licence on car on private land

Regina v Johnson (Tony)

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mrs Justice Smith and Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment February 17]

Exhibiting an altered vehicle excise licence on a car parked on private land could not amount to fraudulent use of the licence, within the meaning of section 26(1)(c) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971.

That offence could only be committed where there was evidence that the vehicle was being or had been used on a public road while displaying the offending licence.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by Tony Johnson against his conviction in January 1993 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Mr Recorder Morris, QC and a jury) of, *inter alia*, fraudulently using a vehicle excise licence.

Mr Tristan Chaize, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr John Hobb for the Crown.

MRS JUSTICE SMITH, giving the judgment of the court, said that at 7.30am on the morning after the appellant had been stopped while driving his Sunbeam Talbot car in connection with various alleged motoring offences a police constable called at the appellant's home and arrested him on a warrant concerning a charge of driving without insurance.

The officer noticed that a tax disc on the Sunbeam Talbot car parked in the private driveway appeared to have been altered. The appellant confirmed that the car was his but denied any knowledge of the tax disc. He was subsequently charged with fraudulently using an excise licence contrary to section 26(1)(c) of the 1971 Act.

Counsel for the appellant contended that as no duty to display an excise licence arose while the vehicle was on private land, there could not be any fraudulent use of an altered licence disc while the vehicle was on private land.

He referred to *Cook v Lanyon* ([1972] RTR 496). Although that case appeared to lend support to the appellant's argument, the court found some difficulty in understanding whether Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, was of the opinion in that case that the offence might have been made out if there had been some evidence of the drivers' intention to take the car on the public road while displaying a licence issue for use on another vehicle.

Thus the court was left to construe the section unassisted by clear authority. Prosecution council advanced the same argument as that advanced in *Cook v Lanyon*: that it was sufficient if the Crown could show that the appellant knew the altered licence was on the car on the day in question and intended to use the car displaying that licence on a public road at some future time, because the display of the licence coupled with the intention to use the vehicle and licence in future amounted to a present user of the licence.

The court took the view that the more straightforward construction contended for by the appellant was to be preferred. It was a penal statute and should be strictly construed.

The court considered that it was the intention of Parliament that the offence should only be committed where there was evidence that the vehicle was being or had been used on a public road while displaying the offending licence.

The intention to use the vehicle with the offending licence in future was not enough.

The conviction on that count would be quashed.

Solicitors: CPS, North London.

Postponing youth sentence

Regina v Khan (Abdul)

Where a young person appeared before a youth court for a number of offences and the court committed him to the crown court for trial in respect of one offence, save in exceptional circumstances the youth court should postpone passing sentence in respect of the less serious offences pending the outcome of the case before the crown court.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mrs Justice Smith and Mr Justice Dyson) so stated on February 14 when dismissing the appeal of Abdul Khan against the sentence of 12 months detention in a young offenders institution imposed by Judge Garner on November 17, 1993 at Bradford Crown Court following the appellant's plea of guilty on re-arraignment to indecent assault.

MRS JUSTICE SMITH said that the youth court before which the appellant had appeared had passed sentence on him for the lesser offences before his appearance before the crown court.

However, the judge's reasoning and the manner in which he approached the sentencing could not be faulted and the appeal was dismissed.

Preserving privilege against self-incrimination

United Norwest Co-operatives Ltd v Johnstone and Others

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment February 11]

People charged in civil proceedings with having committed a criminal offence were not to be deprived, in the absence of statutory provision, of the traditional privilege against self-incrimination.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith dissenting) in a reserved judgment in allowing in part an appeal brought by the second defendants, Leads Distributors Ltd; the seventh defendant, Mr Port and the eighth defendant, Mr Sabner, against the decision of Mr Patrick Bennett, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Beach Division on December 21, 1993 when, on the application of the plaintiff, United Norwest Co-operatives Ltd, he ordered the second, seventh, eighth and Cabrena Trust, the ninth defendants to make an affidavit disclosing certain information to the plaintiff's solicitors.

Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr David Wilby for the second, seventh and eighth defendants; Mr Stanely Brodie, QC and Miss Monica Carss-Frisk for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the case raised the right of a party to refuse disclosure in reliance on the privilege against self-incrimination. The substance of the plaintiff's claim was fraudulent trading by the defendants. The writ was issued on November 22, 1993 and in anticipation of it the plaintiff obtained *Anton Piller* [search and seize] and *Mareva* [asset-freezing] injunctions.

On December 13 the plaintiff issued the summons the subject of the appeal. The deputy judge ordered disclosure of the information sought by the plaintiff in an affidavit which would be filed as part of the court record and open to public inspection.

He also granted an injunction restraining the plaintiff and its solicitors from disclosing any information, document or record obtained pursuant to the order to any person not a party to the action and in particular to any police force or prosecuting authority or to the trustee in bankruptcy of the seventh defendant without leave of the court.

The second, seventh and eighth defendants obtained from the Court of Appeal a stay of the order pending their application for leave to appeal.

There had been many cases recently in which the courts had held that particular statutory provisions authorising the questioning of people by Department of Trade inspectors, office-holders under the Insolvency Act 1986 and others had impliedly deprived the persons being questioned of the traditional right to refuse to answer questions on the ground of self-incrimination. But the present case was not in that field at all.

Where there was no such statutory provision, the traditional view had until recently been that the court had a duty to give effect to any person's long recognised right to refuse to answer questions if his answer might tend to incriminate him: see *Rank Film Distributors Ltd v Video Information Centre* ([1982] AC 380) and *Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd v Maxwell* ([1993] Ch 1).

The law was taken further by the House of Lords in *A T & T Istel Ltd v Tully* ([1993] AC 45). There, on the strength of a letter from the Crown Prosecution Service which in effect raised no objection to the condition in the disclosure order sought, the House had upheld an order for disclosure which was subject to a condition that no disclosure made in compliance with the order should be used as evidence in the prosecution of the offence alleged to have been committed by the person required to make that disclosure.

In the present case, the charges of fraud made by the plaintiff against the defendants were not the subject of any prosecution. The safety net sought to be put in place under the deputy judge's order did not depend on assurances by prosecuting authorities that material disclosed would not be used in any prosecution, nor did it depend on there being no factual basis for any prosecution.

It depended on endeavouring to ensure by injunctions against all and sundry that whatever material was disclosed by the defendants pursuant to the order never came to the knowledge of the prosecuting authorities.

His Lordship could readily accept the position that if the CPS had given an assurance that it would not use information disclosed in a certain examination for the purposes of a prosecution of the person who made the disclosure, and in reliance on that assurance or a court order as a result of it, that person had been required to disclose information notwithstanding that it was self-incriminatory, the court would not allow the CPS to go back on the assurance, and would therefore not assist it to obtain the information by the exercise of statutory powers.

But to his Lordship's mind it did not in the least follow that the court would withhold its assistance to the prosecuting authority when there had been no assurance given by any prosecuting authority, and the court order which was said to be the bar to the prosecuting authority's exercise of its statutory powers was made without even notice to, let alone the consent of, the prosecuting authority.

In his Lordship's judgment, where people were charged in civil proceedings with having committed a criminal offence, they were not to be deprived, in the absence of statutory provision, of the traditional privilege against self-incrimination.

Thus, in principle, the second, seventh and eighth defendants were entitled to rely on the privilege against self-incrimination. The safeguards imposed by the deputy judge did not preclude the defendants from invoking the privilege.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith delivered a dissenting judgment and Lord Justice Hobhouse delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Dillon.

Solicitors: Coales & Co, Leeds and Simon Wakefield & Co; Mishcon de Reya.

Starting time for detention

Regina v Uxbridge Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Henry

Where an application for continued detention was made under section 25(2) of the Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990, the prescribed limit of 48 hours ran from the time of the actual seizure, when a customs officer was satisfied that the conditions in section 25(1) were met. There was no provision in the statute that the time limit could run from service of a notice of seizure.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Scott Baker) so stated on February 7 when allowing an application for judicial review of a decision of Uxbridge Justices that the Customs and Excise were not out of time in applying for continued detention under the 1990 Act.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT BAKER said that Parliament had prescribed a specifically limited period for enquiries, to be measured in hours, which should be strictly complied with.

Defining 'agricultural property' for tax

Starke and Another v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Mr Justice Blackburne

[Judgment February 4]

"Agricultural property" as defined in section 115 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 was restricted to pasture land or other undeveloped land used for agricultural purposes.

A farmhouse, outbuildings and fenced enclosures on a two-and-a-half-acre site formerly occupied by the deceased for agricultural purposes was not within the definition and did not qualify for relief under section 116 of the Act.

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in the Chancery Division affirming as being correct in law a notice of determination by the Inland Revenue Commissioners relating to a deemed transfer of value on the death of Mr Wilfred Brown in 1988 that Highways Farmhouse, Wiggington Heath, Oxfordshire, was not agricultural property.

Section 115 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 (formerly the Capital Transfer Tax Act 1984 but renamed in accordance with section 100 of the Finance Act 1986) provides: "(2) ... 'agricultural property' means agricultural land or pasture and includes woodland and any building used in connection with the intensive rearing of livestock or fish if the woodland or building is occupied with agricultural land or pasture; and the occupation is ancillary to that of the agricultural land or pasture; and also includes such cottages, farm buildings and farmhouses, together with the land occupied with them, as are of a character appropriate to the property".

Mr Gordon Apsion for the executors of the deceased's estate; Mr Michael Furness for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that a substantial farmhouse with a small garden stood to one side of the two-and-a-half-acre site.

Elsewhere was an assortment of outbuildings and three small areas of enclosed land. There was no doubt that that land and the outbuildings had been used by the deceased as part of a mixed farm of between 150 and 200 acres.

Mr Apsion contended that the site was "agricultural property" within section 115 of the Act and qualified for relief. The word "land" in the expression "agricultural land", he submitted, had the wide meaning given to it by Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 so that it included "buildings and other structures".

The use of "agricultural", he said, meant that the land, complete with any buildings, had to be occupied and used for the purposes of agriculture and that as the site, including the large house, was so used it was within the section 115 definition.

Mr Apsion went on to say that the purpose of including woodland and any building used in connection with the intensive rearing of livestock or fish and cottages and buildings referred to in the second and third limbs of the definition was to widen the meaning of "agricultural property" beyond simply "agricultural land and pasture" and to remove doubts as to what was within the scope of that expression.

For the Crown it was argued that the primary meaning of "agricultural property" was "agricultural land and pasture" which meant bare land in the sense of land used for cultivation of crops or for grazing of animals.

The second the third limbs, Mr Furness said, extended that primary meaning to include woodland and certain buildings if, but only if, they satisfied the conditions specified in those limbs.

His Lordship said that Mr Furness was correct and the site did not constitute agricultural land or pasture. That expression was a composite one. Pasture was undoubtedly uncultivated land used for grazing.

"Agricultural land" when used in association with pasture suggested land of a broadly similar nature, that is, undeveloped land in the sense of land without buildings or other structures, used for agricultural purposes.

If "agricultural land" had the wide meaning for which Mr Apsion contended, much if not all of what was described in the remainder of section 115(2), including, not least, the reference to "pasture", was unnecessary since all or most of it would in any event be embraced within that expression.

So far from extending the meaning of "agricultural property", the remainder of the subsection would be, at best, no more than particular examples of agricultural land.

By giving "agricultural land" that more limited and natural meaning, it was possible to give a sensible meaning to the remainder of the definition by extending the meaning of "agricultural property" to include species of property which the expression "agricultural land" alone did not cover.

Solicitors: Hancocks, Banbury; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

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NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT

NEW LINE CINEMA CORPORATION

6-1/2% Convertible Subordinated Debentures Due 2006

This Notice is given pursuant to the Fiscal Agency Agreement, dated as of November 14, 1991 (the "Fiscal Agency Agreement"), between New Line Cinema Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("New Line"), and Chemical Bank, a banking corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of New York, as Fiscal Agent (the "Fiscal Agent"), under which New Line has issued U.S. $30,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 6-1/2% Convertible Subordinated Debentures Due 2006 (the "Securities").

On January 28, 1994 (the "Effective Date") the stockholders of New Line approved and adopted an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 15, 1993 (the "Merger Agreement"), with Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. ("TBS"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, (i) a wholly owned subsidiary of TBS was merged with and into New Line (the "Merger") with New Line as the surviving corporation; and (ii) each share of Common Stock, par value $0.01 per share, of New Line ("New Line Common Stock") then outstanding was converted into the right to receive 0.96366 of a share of Class B Common Stock, par value $0.0625 per share, of TBS ("TBS Class B Common Stock"). Following the Merger, pursuant to the Fiscal Agency Agreement and the terms of the Securities, the Securities became convertible into shares of TBS Class B Common Stock. As a result of the Merger, New Line is now a wholly owned subsidiary of TBS.

Immediately prior to the Merger the Securities were convertible at the option of the holder into shares of New Line Common Stock at a price (the "Conversion Price") equal to U.S. $16.875 aggregate principal amount of Securities per each share of New Line Common Stock. Following the Merger the Securities became convertible at the option of the holder into shares of TBS Class B Common Stock at a Conversion Price equal to U.S $17.51 aggregate principal amount of Securities per each share of TBS Class B Common Stock.

Neither New Line nor TBS is making any recommendation as to whether holders should convert, hold or sell their Securities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Procedures for Conversion of Securities. Holders of Securities that desire to convert them may do so by the conversion procedures that are set forth in the Fiscal Agency Agreement and the Securities.

Provisions for Redemption of Securities. The terms of the Securities provide for the right of holders to require New Line to purchase their Securities in the event of a "change in control" (as defined therein). The Merger did not constitute a "change in control", (as defined in the Securities) and, accordingly, no optional redemption right resulted by virtue of consummation of the Merger.

The Securities are not redeemable by New Line before November 15, 1994, unless the Closing Price (as defined in the Securities) of the New Line Common Stock on or before January 27, 1994 and/or of the TBS Class B Common Stock on and after January 28, 1994, exceeds 150% (the Triggering Price") of the then effective Conversion Price for a total of at least 20 trading days within the 30 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth trading day prior to the date that notice is given by New Line of its election to redeem the Securities as provided in the Fiscal Agency Agreement and the Securities. Based upon the current Conversion Prices of U.S. $16.875 (prior to the Merger) and U.S. $17.51 (as adjusted pursuant to the terms of the Securities for the effect of the Merger), the Triggering Prices are U.S. $25.3125 per share of New Line Common Stock (on or before January 27, 1994) and/or U.S. $26.265 per share of TBS Class B Common Stock (on and after January 28, 1994).

NEW LINE CINEMA CORPORATION

Notice of Administration Order IN THE MATTER OF Wimbledon & South West Finance PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 Registered number: 621347 Nature of business: Provision of banking services Trade classification: 38 Administration order made: 1st February 1994 Malcolm Cohen (6825/01) and Raymond Hocking (2322/01) Joint Administrators

TAVERNS OF LONDON LIMITED THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Cohen, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Keyrick Place, London W1H 5FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company by the Creditors on 18th February 1994. DATED THIS 18TH FEBRUARY 1994 Michael J C Oldham Liquidator

1. Cleveland Publishing Co Limited. Company number 624932. 2. VOB 1 Limited. Company number. 696496 3. Hospital Medicine Publications Limited Company number: 676482 4. VOB 8 Limited. Company number: 35824 5. Ambassador Publishing Services Limited Company number: 451662 6. VOB 2 Limited Company number 880080 7. Production Publications (London) Limited. Company number: 433842 8. Thomson Audio-Visuals Limited. Company number: 946543 9. VOB 7 Limited. Company number 707258 Financial Directories Limited. Company number 670349 NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANIES On 9 February 1994 the above companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 22 March 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution. The company is able to pay all known creditors in full. Date: 22 February 1994 Anthony Victor Lomas Liquidator

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COMMUNITY LEISURE PLC AND CAROUSEL LEISURE (LONDON) LIMITED The Insolvency Act 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors of the above named companies, which are being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28th March 1994, to send their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claim and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor Cotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated 16th February 1994 Jamie Taylor Liquidator

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1) KAWAR LIMITED T/A NESHKO IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frames, licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frames Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 18th February 1994. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frames at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP. I Frames Liquidator

INVETEN PLC (In Liquidation) THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ROGER WILLIAM CORK of ST PAUL'S HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON, EC4P 4BN was appointed liquidator of the above named company on 16th February 1994. Creditors are required on or before 7th April 1994 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the Liquidator, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 21st day of February 1994 Roger W Cork Liquidator

PERFORMANCE SEMICONDUCTOR LIMITED Principal Trading Address: Unit 6, INTEC 2, Wade Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire Company number: 2578283 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held as follows: Date: 4 March 1994 Time: 11.00am Venue: Unit 6, INTEC 2 Wade Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 This meeting is convened for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, Namely to consider the director's statement of affairs, to appoint a Liquidator and to establish if thought fit, a liquidation committee On the two business days falling next before the day on which this meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Leach Bright and Partners, Barratt House Chequers Avenue, Guildford, Surrey Dated this 17th day of February 1994 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD A Rothstein Director

COMMUNITY LEISURE PLC AND CAROUSEL LEISURE (LONDON) LIMITED The Insolvency Act 1986 This is to certify that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Companies held on Monday 31st January 1994 at the offices of Taylor & Messrs. Taylor Cotham, Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY, having provided written statements that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above-named Companies under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed liquidator of the Companies Dated the 31st January 1994 Alan Hunt (Chairman)

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 RADIO VISION SERVICES (REDWORTH) LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD, was appointed Liquidator of Radio Vision Services (Bedworth) Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 17 February 1994. Dated this 18 day of February 1994 David John Mason Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 TABLEISSUE LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on the 11 day of March 1994 at 10.30am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Creditors are only entitled to vote at the Meeting if a proof of debt, together with a proxy if required, has been lodged at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD not later than noon on 10 March 1994. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, for the two business days prior to the Meeting at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD. Dated this day 18th of February 1994. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD E.E Gregory Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1) No 84 of 1993 In The Hertford County Court Gardener Craig (A Partnership) - In Liquidation I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Geoffrey Stuart Kirkan, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of 36a Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named partnership on 24 January 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated 16 February 1994 G S Kirkan Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1) Colmour Limited - In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Anthony Peter Suppenstone, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stay Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 9 February 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated: 15 February 1994 A P Suppenstone Liquidator

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Future of all-weather hurdling questioned

Board to assess cause of fatalities

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE growing feeling that all-weather hurdle races are extracting too high a price in equine casualties gained momentum yesterday as officials of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) called for increased analysis of the circumstances behind the death toll.

Paul Greeves, racing director at the BHB, said the board's race planning committee needed more time to consider evidence and would delay tabling its recommendation on the medium's future until the season's completion in three weeks' time. "We simply won't jump to conclusions," Greeves stressed yesterday.

However, with the number of horses killed having reached 12 in the 14 meetings staged this year, Greeves suggested the rate of casualties was swiftly assuming unacceptable proportions. With five fixtures to come, twice as many horses have already lost their lives as in the entire all-weather jumps programme of 12 months ago.

A comprehensive study of the circumstances surrounding each individual accident is to be undertaken, together with an overall assessment of the 12 fatalities, in an effort to establish the reasons behind the rise in fatal accidents. No clear pattern has yet emerged.

"We may never identify the reasons to our satisfaction," Greeves said, "but we will still have to decide whether we should recommend continuing with this kind of all-weather racing." That recommendation will be reached by the race-planning committee on March 22.

Asked about the mood within the team at race planning, Greeves said: "It is a fact that we lose horses in racing but 12 deaths is far higher than was recorded last year." And, significantly, he added: "Unless we can find extenuating circumstances, the immediate reaction is that it is too high. You can draw your own conclusions as to the likely outcome."

As the BHB responded to the series of casualties, the Jockey Club moved to deflect charges levelled against it by Richard Muddle, the chairman of Southwell racecourse, who accused the Club of inaction over the standard of runners in such races. Muddle identified the poor quality of horses as the principal cause of the escalating injury rate.

"We have compiled a mass of data on aspects like fallers and injuries to horses," said David Pipe, the director of public affairs at the Jockey Club. "While this data is under constant analysis, it has failed to give us a lead in any particular direction."

To the suggestion that trainers of horses with two successive falls should be disciplined for a third failure to complete the course, Pipe maintained such instances were few and far between. "This is one of the aspects we have studied and there is hardly any evidence of that happening," he said.

But he admitted the Club had failed to contact Muddle. "We haven't been back to him because we don't have anything to tell him," he said. Meanwhile, the course inspector and additional vet dispatched by the Jockey Club to Southwell's scheduled fixture yesterday were foiled with the meeting's abandonment.

The timing of equine deaths is particularly unfortunate, given the proximity of the Cheltenham and Aintree festivals, but Reg Hollinshead, the leading all-weather trainer at Southwell since all-weather hurdling was introduced in 1989, yesterday welcomed the BHB's refusal to adopt any panic measures.

"I think the hurdles have been a great asset and the surface has not changed," he said yesterday. "The Southwell track may be a bit deeper as they have topped up the Fibresand levels, but I would have thought it would have made it safer for jumping. It's only very tired horses that have paid the penalty."

No recommendation for the abandonment of all-weather hurdle races was forthcoming from the annual general meeting of the National Trainers' Federation on Tuesday.



Bookmakers prepare to leave a snowbound Southwell with empty satchels after yesterday's abandonment

Deep Sensation at Kempton

DEEP Sensation will have his final Cheltenham preparation in the £10,000-added Emblem Chase at Kempton on Saturday before defending his two-mile crown in the Queen Mother Champion Chase.

His trainer, Josh Gifford, said yesterday: "He will run as long as there is some life in the ground. It wasn't the plan, but we want to go to Cheltenham on a better note than Newbury. The ground was far too tacky for him there."

On his latest start, the nine-year-old finished over 20 lengths fourth to Viking Flagship in the Game Spirit Chase at Newbury.

The 1992 Queen Mother Champion Chase winner, Remittance Man, is still on course to reappear in the Emblem Chase, although his trainer, Nicky Henderson, has expressed disquiet about the soft ground.

The Champion Hurdle contender Flakey Dove, denied a run at Warwick yesterday, will instead run at Haydock tomorrow, weather permitting, in the TC Crosten Property Company Select Hurdle.

In the event of another cancellation, the Berkshire Hurdle at Newbury on Saturday week is an alternative.

Ballesteros states case over choice of venue for Ryder Cup

FROM MEL WEBB IN JEREZ, SPAIN

SEVERIANO Ballesteros was at his enigmatic best yesterday when asked to explain remarks he made to a Spanish newspaper earlier this week, when he called the Royal Spanish Golf Federation, the country's governing body of the game, "a cancer".

The battle to earn the right to stage the 1997 Ryder Cup match has been simmering just below the surface of Spanish golf for many months. The announcement of the candidature of Montecastillo, where Ballesteros makes his first appearance of the season today in the Turespaña Andalucian Open, has served only to bring the dispute to the surface. "People will have to interpret my words the way they want," he said. Significantly, he made no attempt to withdraw the criticism.

Ballesteros, sure to be captain of the European team in 1997, is championing the cause of Novo Sancti Petri, near Cádiz, which he designed, and he feels that the federation's refusal to support his course in its apparent desire to stage the match near Madrid would do nothing to further the cause of Spanish golf.

Ballesteros said he would not refuse to participate in the match if it were taken to the country's capital, but added:



Nicklaus: grand design

"If they voted for me as captain, I would always be more comfortable in the job if the match was held on a course that I was happy with.

"The main role of the federation should be to support amateur golf," he said. "I think the professionals should be the ones who should be involved in the selection of the course. The federation has said it supports nobody in particular, but I think in private maybe they do."

Ballesteros is joined in his first tournament since he returned from a two-month programme designed to strengthen his long-term back problems by Jack Nicklaus, who designed this week's venue, and who yesterday threw his weight behind Montecastillo's candidature.

"In every respect this course would be perfect," he said. "Although it is very young now, by 1997 it would be fully mature, and from a golf standpoint I think it would provide a very good test for the teams.

"The views for the gallery would be absolutely fantastic, the location is right and it is also covered as far as finance is concerned."

LINGFIELD PARK

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1.50 Qualitair Memory. 2.20 Rising Wolf. 2.50 Masroug. 3.20 Deliffin. 3.50 Construction. 4.20 Lady Aedean.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: **3.50 CONSTRUCTION.**

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.50 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,722: 2m 6f) (8 runners)

1 4014 GREENWINE 28 (CD,F,6) Mrs L Richards 8-11-10 D Meads (5) 86
2 3216 QUALITAIR MEMORY 28 (6,S) J Akehurst 5-11-7 J McCarthy (3) –
3 0306 WAR BEAT 49 (F) B Baugh 6-10-11 ..... G Robertson (7) 90
4 340- CHEAP METAL 341 (B,F) R Ingram 9-10-10 ..... A Thornton 97
5 P16 TAKE A FLYER 21 (C,6) R Hodges 4-10-9 ..... T Jenks 90
6 0333 OMIDJOY 28 (BF) J Jenkins 4-10-7 ..... W J Walsh (7) 83
7 5604 LA POSADA 7 (V) J Moore 4-10-2 ..... A Proctor 93
8 000P BRIGHT SAPPHIRE 10F (F,6,S) J Bradley 8-10-0 ..... Guy Lewis (3) 98

9-4 Greenwine, 11-4 Qualitair Memory, 5-1 Take A Flyer, 7-1 Omidjoy, 8-1 War Beat, Cheap Metal, 12-1 La Posada, 20-1 Bright Sapphire.

2.20 HARD TIMES JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,576: 2m) (5)

1 43 ARAMON 14 P Mitchell 10-12 ..... D Gallagher 87
2 P2 RISING WOLF 15 R O'Sullivan 10-12 ..... D O'Sullivan (3) –
3 P0U0 SUNBEAM CHARLIE 14 A Moore 10-12 ..... M Richards –
4 P CLASSY KARYASI 24 T McGovern 10-7 ..... W McFarland –
5 0U PRINCESS TATEUM 7 M Channon 10-7 ..... Lorna Vincent 88

6-4 Rising Wolf, 2-1 Aramon, 5-2 Princess Tateum, 20-1 Classy Kalyasi, Sunbeam Charlie.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Simpson, 6 winners from 14 runners, 42.9%, P Hiatt, 4 from 10, 40.0%; C Benstead, 8 from 24, 33.3%; P Nicholls, 3 from 10, 30.0%; T Thomson Jones, 13 from 44, 29.5%; J White, 12 from 58, 20.7%.

JOCKEYS: A Dicken, 19 winners from 56 rides, 33.9%; S Smith Eccles, 9 from 37, 24.3%, J McCarthy, 3 from 15, 20.0%; D Gallagher, 17 from 71, 15.5%; D O'Sullivan, 10 from 73, 13.7%; M Richards, 4 from 35, 11.4%.

2.50 DAVID COPPERFIELD CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,692: 2m) (8)

1 3-PF SECRET CASTLE 38F (D,F) B Baugh 6-11-8 ..... T Wall 86
2 P212 SPARKLER GEBE 21 (C,D,BF,F,6,S) R D'Sullivan 8-11-6 ..... D O'Sullivan (3)
3 P040 BLAKE'S TREASURE 28 (6) T Thomson Jones 7-11-4 ..... S Smith Eccles –
4 4342 MILL BURN 7 I Campbell 5-11-4 ..... R Campbell 93
5 5443 YAAFOOR 7 (V) P Hedger 5-11-4 ..... M Richards 78
6 0233 MASROUG 14 (BF,S) A Moore 7-11-2 ..... J Quinn (7) 97
7 0-00 AUTUMN LEAF 84 J Poulton 6-10-13 ..... R Rowell –
8 0/0 BELLE LOCK 15 D C Tucker 6-10-13 ..... J Reavey (7) –

6-4 Masroug, 7-4 Sparkler Gebe, 9-2 Mill Burn, 8-1 Yaafoor, 12-1 Secret Castle, 14-1 Blake's Treasure, 33-1 Autumn Leaf, 50-1 Belle Lock.

3.20 BARNABY RUDGE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,676: 2m 4f) (7)

1 00P2 DELIFFIN 7 R Flower 8-11-7 ..... D Fortt (5) 97
2 0PF OURPALWENTY 14 C Nash 7-11-7 ..... R Morley –
3 0F- PIGALLE WONDER 19F R O'Sullivan 6-11-7 ..... D O'Sullivan (5) –
4 -022 RUMBELOW 14 Mrs L Richards 5-11-7 ..... M Richards 95
5 0P6 MISS PARKES 29 P Clarke 5-11-2 ..... T Dascombe (7) –
6 444 PIE HATCH 21 (S) B McMahon 5-11-2 ..... R J Begum (3) –
7 5 BRIGHTON BREEZY 37 J Poulton 4-10-10 ..... R Rowell –

2-1 Pie Hatch, 11-4 Pigalle Wonder, 7-2 Deliffin, 9-2 Rumbelow, 16-1 others.

3.50 GREAT EXPECTATIONS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,661: 2m 2f) (4)

1 6131 ROYAL CIRCUS 7 (CD,6) P Hiatt 5-11-13 ..... D Bridgewater 86
2 126- LYPH 125 (C,F,6) P Hedger 8-11-10 ..... M Richards 88
3 F3Z1 CONSTRUCTION 7 (C,F,6) R Ingram 9-11-5 (bet) D Gallagher (3) –
4 0352 SING THE BLUES 21 (CD,6) C Benstead 10-11-2 ..... D Morris 97

8-4 Construction, 7-4 Royal Circus, 11-4 Sing The Blues, 7-1 Lyph.

4.20 BLEAK HOUSE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,576: 2m) (8)

1 11 COLOSSUS OF ROADS 14 (6) T Thomson Jones 5-12-4 ..... A Dicken (3) –
2 HANOOK R Simpson 5-11-4 ..... Mr E Williams (7) –
3 CHILDHAY MILLIE P Nicholls 5-10-13 ..... Guy Lewis (5) –
4 CUBAN ABI K Bailey 5-10-13 ..... G Baxter (7) –
5 IRENE'S ROLFE D C Tucker 5-10-13 ..... J Reavey (7) –
6 05 LLAMA LADY 14 H Webb 5-10-13 ..... L Reynolds (7) –
7 LADY AEDEAN T George 4-10-4 ..... T Jenks (3) –
8 WINNDW J White 4-10-4 ..... P McLoughlin (7) –

6-4 Colossus Of Roads, 11-4 Winnow, 4-1 Cuban Abi, 8-1 Hanook, 10-1 Childhay Millie, 12-1 Lady Aedean, 16-1 Irene's Rolfe, 20-1 Llama Lady.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Kanndabil 3.30 SECOND SCHEDUAL (nap)
2.30 Dragons Den 4.00 Second Call
3.00 Royal Derbi 4.30 General Mouktar

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 K J PIKE & SONS CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,910: 2m) (24 runners)

101 2U024-0 CLOGHRAN LAD 22 (D,6,S) (D Wintle) D Wintle 7-11-11 ..... W Marston 58
102 060 PRINCE RUBEN 54 (Col R Sweenghi) T Forster 7-11-10 ..... R Farrant (3) 51
103 P122/P3- CASTLE SECRET 268F (F) (P Leonard) D Burchell 8-11-9 ..... Mr S Blackwell (5) –
104 3P-3000 FIRST COMMAND 14 (Mrs D Pridden) T Forster 7-11-7 ..... B Powell 57
105 F10341 KANNDABIL 8 (B,D,6,S) (N McAndrew) N Tinkler 7-11-7 ..... G McCourt 87
106 212/068- GREYFRIARS BOBBY 318 (CD,G) (D Fisher) Mrs J Retter 8-11-6 ..... M A Fitzgerald 66
107 0-00 WORDEN 33 (D Crosse) R Hodges 5-11-5 ..... A Tory –
108 P00 ROBENKO 22 (S) (Miss B Murphy) G Charles-Jones 5-11-5 ..... N Williamson –
109 043360 TITUS GOLD 30 (D,S) (A Dickinson) W Clay 9-11-5 ..... Diane Clay 67
110 0P EAGLES LAIR 56 (G Cannon) D Marks 8-11-4 ..... S McNeill –
111 002-0F4 OAK PARK 22 (D,G) (K Tomlinson) J Pickering 6-11-4 ..... T Eley (5) 80
112 /0/P0P GENERALLY JUST 77 (B) (G Stickland) G Stickland 9-11-2 ..... Mr S Stickland –
113 06/PP ENTERPRISE PRINCE 27 (Swiss Valley Racing Associates) F Murphy 8-11-1 ..... E Murphy –
114 4/4P31-F SCHWEPPES TONIC 22 (D,6,S) (A Phillips) D Burchell 8-11-0 ..... D J Burchell 59
115 UP0FY TUMBLED BRIDE 348F (S) (V Greenway) Mr V Greenway 8-11-0 ..... C Maude –
116 5-01F FORT RANK 14 (S) (P Tytos) R Frost 7-10-13 ..... J Frost 53
117 1S10S8 MILDRED SOPHIA 17 (D,S) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 7-10-13 ..... Miss S Mitchell (7) 50
118 P- LYCIAN MOON 497 (Western Solvents Ltd) A Foster 5-10-12 ..... E Byrne –
119 2-44410 MISS EQUILIA 27 (CD,6,S) (Marlbo Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 8-10-12 ..... R Dunwoody 72
120 FP/0P4 KATIEMILLO 73 (M Churches) M Churches 8-10-11 ..... Mr B Pollock (7) –
121 P5/P AUTO CONNECTION 8 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 8-10-10 ..... N Dawe –
122 P BORDER DREAM 24 (Somerset and Dorset Racing) W G M Turner 4-10-10 R Darke (7) –
123 5UUPPP TURKISH STAR 18 (K White) G Ham 9-10-9 ..... S Mackey –
124 640P23 MUSICAL PHONE 43 (R Cole) C Popham 4-10-7 ..... A Maguire 50

BETTING: 3-1 Castle Secret, 5-1 Kanndabil, 6-1 Miss Equilia, 8-1 Titus Gold, 12-1 Fort Rank, Schweppes Tonic, 16-1 Musical Phone, 20-1 First Command, Greyfriars Bobby, 25-1 others

1993: IMPERIAL FLIGHT 8-11-3 J Kavanagh (20-1) J King 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLOGHRAN LAD's best effort came when 7th/ 2nd of 10 to Roger's Pal in a selling handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good). CASTLE SECRET 21/-1 last of 3 to Rakey Dove in the grade II St Modwen Hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, firm). KANNDABIL beat Elder Prince 18h in a 7-runner claiming hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 4f, standard). FORT RANK beat Country Stars 21 in a 5-runner novice hurdle at Fontwell on penultimate start (2m 3f, soft). MISS EQUILIA beat Style And Class a neck in a 14-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Wincanton on penultimate start (2m, good to soft). MUSICAL PHONE 30h 2nd of 9 to Wild Strawberry in a maiden hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m 3f, standard).

Selection: CASTLE SECRET.

2.30 STEWART TORY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £4,276: 2m 5f) (10 runners)

201 21-1322 DUBLIN FLYER 58 (BF,C,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 8-12-0 ..... Richard White (7) (3)
202 3U0033- CALABRESE 349 (B,F,6,S) (Maj M Watson) N Henderson 9-12-0 Maj M Watson (7) 91
203 22-023P ICARUS 22 (B,D,F,S) (D Brown) D Brown 8-11-11 ..... A Retter (7) 95
204 022PR-11 FIFTH AMENDMENT 12 (B,C,D,F,6,S) (R Ponsonby) C Mann 9-11-10 R Ponsonby (7) 93
205 03-P34P WHATEVER YOU LIKE 58 (6,S) (Just For Fun Racing) P Nicholls 10-11-3 Miss P Corring (5) 98
206 1-F1BF2 DRAGONS DEN 76 (D,BF,F,6) (C Heath) S Sherwood 8-10-10 ..... J Dunkan (5) 95
207 1311-06 RIGHT TO WIN 22 (D,D,F,6) (Mrs J Fowler) R Manning 6-10-7 ..... B Pollock (7) 89
208 025-025 VAVASIR 38 (BF,6) (R Cowan) F Hobbs 8-10-1 ..... D Parker (7) 98
209 UP-P5P0 BLAKEINGTON 27 (B) (Mrs J Bugg) N Mitchell 8-10-0 ..... Miss S Mitchell (7) –
210 535P3F SAMSUN 21 (B,F,6,S) (W Wales) R Champion 12-10-0 ..... Miss S White (7) 75

Long handicap: Blakeington 9-5, Samsun 8-9.

BETTING: 5-2 Dublin Flyer, 3-1 Dragons Den, 7-2 Fifth Amendment, 7-1 Calabrese, 8-1 Vavasir, 12-1 Icarus, Whatever You Like, 16-1 Fight To Win, 33-1 Blakeington, 50-1 Samsun.

1993: WESTERN LEGEND 9-10-11 T Jenks (100-30 fav) P Nicholls 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUBLIN FLYER 3½l 2nd of 5 to Fighting Words in a handicap chase at Kempton (3m, good to soft). CALABRESE 5l 3rd of 18 to On The Other Hand in an amateurs' chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, firm). ICARUS 18l 3rd of 7 to In Folene in a handicap chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (2m 5f, good to firm).

FIFTH AMENDMENT awarded race after finishing (post 14l 2nd of 13 to demoted Castle Attraction in a hunter chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). Previously, best Tryumphant Lad 12l 3rd in a 9-runner hunter chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy). WHATEVER YOU LIKE's best recent effort came when 7l 2nd of 7 to Kannabil in a claiming chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). DRAGONS DEN 15l 2nd of 5 to Boome's Tycoon in a handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 3f 110yds, good). VAVASIR 7l 2nd of 7 to The Glow in a novice chase at Windsor on penultimate start (2m 5f, soft).

Selection: DUBLIN FLYER.

3.00 KINGWELL HURDLE (Grade II: £12,320: 2m) (5 runners)

301 5-24530 ROYAL DERBI 47 (B,D,F,0,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 9-11-10 ..... A Maguire (3)
302 11210-2 VALFINET 19 (CD,6,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 7-11-7 ..... R Dunwoody 97
303 121F-0 ASHFIELD BOY 27 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 10-11-2 ..... M A Fitzgerald –
304 053Z2R HIGH BARON 12 (CD,F,S) (Miss C James) R Allan 7-11-2 ..... M Hourigan 96
305 F0S063 MARIOLIND 7 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Fletcher) I Bishop 7-11-2 ..... W Marston 54

BETTING: 1-2 Valfinet, 7-2 Royal Derbi, 4-1 High Baron, 25-1 Ashfield Boy, 33-1 Mariolind

1993: VALFINET 6-11-2 P Scudamore (4-5 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL DERBI 33l 21st of 25 to Alone in the grade I Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown (2m, soft). Previously, 6l 3rd of 7 to Fortune And Fame in the grade I Bookmakers Hurdle at Leopardstown (2m, heavy). VALFINET 12l 2nd of 5 to Muse in a hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy). ASHFIELD BOY 49l 8th of 11 to Jump Start in a handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). HIGH BARON 5l 2nd of 10 to Nymegen in a handicap hurdle at Kempton on penultimate start (2m, good to soft). MARIOLIND 11l 3rd of 12 to Handy Lass in a handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft).

Selection: ROYAL DERBI

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,6,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 12-0 ..... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 JIM FORD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (£10,114: 3m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

401 2-11F51 SECOND SCHEDUAL 19 (D,F,6,S) (H McMahon) D Nicholson 9-11-12 ..... A Maguire 92
402 2-23401 GARRISON SAVANNAH 14 (CD,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-8 ..... D Murphy 86
403 22-1171 SEE MORE INDIANS 59 (D,F,G,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 7-11-7 ..... G Bradley 82
404 12-P03P ANOTHER CORAL 12 (F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 11-11-2 ..... W Marston 98
405 4226-15 FRAGRANT DAWN 26 (F,G,S) (D & S Mercer) M Pipe 10-11-2 ..... R Dunwoody 92
406 11-333P TOPSHAM BAY 52 (D,F,6,S) (Sir Eric Parker) D Barons 11-11-2 ..... J Frost (3)

BETTING: 2-1 Second Schedual, 5-2 Garrison Savannah, 7-2 See More Indians, 4-1 Fragrant Dawn, 10-1 Topsham Bay, 14-1 Another Coral.

1993: CAWKES CLOWN 13-11-2 G Bradley (6-1) Mrs J Pitman 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SECOND SCHEDUAL beat Zeta's Lad 11l in the 5-runner grade II Agfa Diamond Handicap Chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, soft). GARRISON SAVANNAH beat Ryde Again 3l in 5-runner chase here (2m 5f, good to soft).

SEE MORE INDIANS beat Crystal Spirit 2½l in the 7-runner grade I Tripleprint Feltham Novices' Chase at Kempton (3m, good). ANOTHER CORAL pulled up before last in a 4-runner handicap chase won by Kenlech Pipes at Newbury (2m 4f, soft).

FRAGRANT DAWN beat Young Hustler 3l in 11-runner grade III Tripleprint Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (2m 5f, good), with SECOND SCHEDUAL (5lb better off) 21l 5th and ANOTHER CORAL (10lb better off) 76l 10th.

TOPSHAM BAY 8l 3rd of 8 to Flashing Steel in a handicap chase at Cheltenham on penultimate start (3m 1f 110yd, good).

Selection: TOPSHAM BAY

4.00 GEORGIE NEWALL NOVICES CHASE (£3,704: 2m) (10 runners)

501 0-03F41 DAN DE LYON 7 (S) (M Kerr-Dineen) D Nicholson 6-11-8 ..... A Maguire 78
502 11-2124 THUMBS UP 12 (D,F,5) (M Buckley) N Henderson 8-11-8 ..... R Dunwoody 86
503 22-21FU WHAT'S IN ORBIT 15 (D,G,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 9-11-8 ..... G Bradley 98
504 0P004- BEACH BUM 336 (Mrs J Young) Mrs J Young 8-11-2 ..... G Upton –
505 006660 COQ HARDI SMOKEY 132 (F,B) (Mrs J Corbett) K Bailey 6-11-2 ..... N Williamson –
506 00/0424- MR INVADER 349 (M Boddington) N Gaselee 7-11-2 ..... C Llewellyn –
507 006/5 ROYAL SEGOS 71 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 7-11-2 ..... N Dawe –
508 5P SHAAB TURBO 30 (H Cole) H Cole 8-11-2 ..... S Burrough 89
509 034-030 SIMON JOSEPH 42 (Mrs G McKernan) T Forster 7-11-2 ..... B Powell –
510 1531-2F SECOND CALL 23 (D,F,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 5-11-2 ..... R Farrant (3) (3)

BETTING: 7-4 Thumbs Up, 3-1 Second Call, 5-1 What's In Orbit, 6-1 Dan De Lyon, 14-1 Coq Hardi Smokey, Shaab Turbo, 16-1 Mr Invader, 20-1 Simon Joseph, 25-1 Beach Bum, Royal Segos.

1993: VIKING FLAGSHIP 6-12-0 R Dunwoody (5-4 fav) D Nicholson 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAN DE LYON beat Precipice Run 10l in a 6-runner novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). THUMBS UP 6½l 4th of 11 in the grade III Tote Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). Previously, 21½l 2nd of 4 to Sea Legend in a novice chase at Kempton (2m, good to soft). WHAT'S IN ORBIT's best effort came when beating The Flying Footman 12l in a 4-runner novice chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). MR INVADER 14½l 2nd of 10 to Dennington in a novices' handicap hurdle at Huntingdon on penultimate start (2m 5f 110yd, good). SECOND CALL 24½l 2nd of 11 to Southsea in a handicap hurdle at Warwick on penultimate start (2m, heavy). SIMON JOSEPH 8l 3rd of 10 to Castle Court in a novice hurdle at Warwick on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yds, heavy).

Selection: THUMBS UP.

4.30 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,390: 2m) (14 runners)

601 26 DOCTOOR 101 (BF) (I Bates) R O'Sullivan 11-0 ..... G McCourt 80
602 GENERAL MOUKTAR 1509 (A Heaslip) M Pipe 11-0 ..... R Dunwoody –
603 42 GROUND NUT 76 (V McCalla) Miss H Knight 11-0 ..... J Osborne (3) –
604 P HARROW WAY 19 (Mrs S Jones) J Gifford 11-0 ..... E Murphy –
605 P2 JUST YOU DARE 34 (Mrs D Thompson) M Pipe 11-0 ..... J Lower 75
606 6 NOBLE RISK 16 (Mrs J Bonett) B De Haan 11-0 ..... S McNeill –
607 P6 NUTTY BROWN 14 (J Joseph) P Hobbs 11-0 ..... M Hourigan –
608 F PALACE PARADE 8 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 11-0 ..... N Dawe –
609 84 ROOTSMAN 192 (P Atmore) Mrs M Jones 11-0 ..... M A Fitzgerald –
610 SCORESHEET (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 11-0 ..... D Murphy –
611 P0 WEST END 19 (G Stickland) G Stickland 11-0 ..... Mr S Stickland –
612 00P FORMAESTRE 19 (Mrs M Tutnell) G Humphrey 10-9 ..... B Powell –
613 32 FORMAL AFFAIR 15 (BF) (The Plough Partnership) D Nicholson 10-9 ..... A Maguire 75
614 00 ORCHESTON 72 (Cleeve Stables) M Bolton 10-9 ..... R Guest –

BETTING: 4-6 General Mouktar, 3-1 Ground Nut, 10-1 Just You Dare, 12-1 Scoresheet, 16-1 Formal Affair, Rootsman, 20-1 Doctoor, 25-1 others

1993: ZANDRAH 10-9 P Scudamore (4-1 jt-fav) N Twiston-Davies 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOCTOOR ½l 2nd of 11 to Rich Lisle in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). GROUND NUT 8l 2nd of 10 to Mystic in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good). JUST YOU DARE 7l 2nd of 17 to Hallam Tarn in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft), with FORMAESTRE 67l 10th and NUTTY BROWN beaten when falling 2 out. FORMAL AFFAIR 5l 2nd of 11 to Squire York in a maiden hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to soft). GENERAL MOUKTAR small middle distance handicapper on Flat. Best Al Sehail 2l in an 11-runner handicap at Goodwood in August (1m 4f, good).

Selection: GROUND NUT (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	23	66	34.8	J Lower	8	27	96.4
M Pipe	36	123	29.3	M Hourigan	8	30	26.7
D Nicholson	13	60	21.7	J Osborne	13	60	21.7
P Atner	4	22	18.2	R Dunwoody	31	147	21.1
T Forster	11	74	14.9	D Murphy	9	46	19.6
Mrs N Duffield	3	22	13.6	G Bradley	7	47	14.9

FOLKESTONE RESULTS

Going: soft (chase course); hurdles (heavy)

1.55 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, SQUIRE SILK (S McNeill, 7-2), 2, Spuffington (D Murphy, 5-4 fav), 3, Glancarrig Gale (Peter Hobbs, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Good Integrity (5th), 10 Hamletown (pu), 20 Denver Bay (4th), 25 Making Time, 33 Henry's Sister (6th), 8 ran. NR: Too Sharp. 6l, 15l, hd, 12l, ¾l. A Turnell at Wantage. Tote: £3.70, £1.20, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.37.

2.25 (2m 5f chl) 1, YELLOW SPRING (Peter Hobbs, 1-3 fav); 2, Nickalfine (D Murphy, 8-1); 3, Lobric (A Maguire, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Young Alfie (4th), 4 ran. 15l, 5l, dist. D Grissell at Robertsbridge. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.30.

2.55 (2m chl) 1, AROUND THE HORN (S McNeill, 6-4 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Dextra Dove (S Earle, 7-2); 3, Fred Splendid (R Dunwoody, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Fila Concord (pu), 7 Atisel (4th), 50 Greenheart (pu), 6 ran. 5l, 1¾l, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.84.

3.25 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, AUGUST TWELFTH (Mr Raymond White, 50-1), 2, Scottish Ball (M Crosse, 13-2); 3, Farrutino (P McDermot, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Sant Ciel (5th), 11-4 The Whip (pu), 7 Bold Street Blues (4th), 10 Castle Orchard, 12 Wachway Norm (pu). 16 Giveizago, 20 Lets Green (pu), 50 Emallen, Grand Colonist (5th). 12 ran. Nk, 15l, ¾l, nk, 31l. D O'Brien at Pembury. Tote: £58.10; £4.30, £3.20, £4.70. DF: £66.00. Trio: £746.60. CSF: £338.49. Tricast: £4,616.33.

3.55 (2m 5f chl) 1, NO FIZZ (Mr P Bull, 7-4); 2, Reggie (Mr A Hickman, 14-1), 3, Trundle (Mr G Maundrell, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Touchsan (f), 7 Jaysmish (pu), 33 Missile Run (pu), Sonnendew (pu), 40 Caspian Flyer (pu). Knowsalence (f), 50 Black Arrow (ur). 10 ran. 15l, 20l. Mrs D Grissell at Robertsbridge. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £2.10, £1.20. DF: £13.30. Trio: £13.80. CSF: £25.74.

4.25 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, KOVALEVSKIA (A Maguire, 9-2), 2, The Pasperasi (D Murphy, 4-1); 3, Punchbag (B Powell, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Style And Class, 13-2 Forest Feather (pu), 15-2 Smiling Chief (5th), 10 Legal Beagle (pu), 14 Deming Valley (4th), 16 Villa Park (6th), 33 Attilio (pu). 10 ran. NR: More Of It. 10l, ¾l, sh hd, 3l, 10l. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £6.30; £1.30, £2.00. £3.20. DF: £19.80. Trio: £39.20. CSF: £23.14. Tricast: £132.54.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £16,919.65 carried forward to Wincanton today).

Placepot: £145.60.

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Snow puts Haydock in jeopardy

HEAVY snow has put Haydock Park's two-day Greenalls Gold Cup fixture tomorrow and Saturday in jeopardy. Richard Thomas, the racecourse manager, said yesterday: "We have three to four inches of snow on the track, although it is not frozen.

"A thaw is forecast and if we can get rid of the snow there will be no problem. We will look again tomorrow before deciding on an inspection."

Snow also knocked out two of yesterday's cards, at Warwick and Southwell. The all-weather fixture at Southwell was lost as driving snow cut down visibility, even though the track was raceable.

Today's fixture at Catterick was also wiped out by snow, but Wincanton and Lingfield report no problems. However, there will be an inspection at 3pm today at Towcester to *determine prospects* for tomorrow's meeting. "The chances are no better than 50-50," Hugo Bevan, the clerk of the course, said yesterday.

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Television wants richer fare for its money



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

How often do those fortunate enough to visit Australasia on rugby union tours hear talk of "the entertainment dollar"? In an increasingly competitive leisure market the Australian and New Zealand unions have cast a wary eye over the past decade at other sports clamouring for a following and have adapted their stance accordingly.

Once entertainment was the last thing on a New Zealand rugby player's mind. The game was for winning — it still is, but the environment in which sport is played has changed dramatically. Television has introduced new cultures, new sports, more money, greater rewards and, while broadening the vision of a younger generation, has diluted the Victorian notion of dedication to the team at the expense of the individual.

We have not yet come round to talking about "the leisure pound" in Britain but doubtless we will. It is an aspect of rugby which may well be on the minds of administrators from the four home unions as they prepare for next week's presentations from the television companies interested in screening domestic rugby for the next few years (ITV announces today details of its planned rugby coverage for the close season).

Clearly the objective of those administrators is to squeeze as good a financial deal from the negotiations as they can, but there is a *quid pro quo* here: the television companies may reasonably anticipate showing some entertaining sport, which leaves an additional obligation on the already-overburdened players.

The companies may even produce the figures to back up their arguments, by way of focusing rugby's collective mind: for some time now the BBC's viewing figures have not strayed far from six million for five nations' championship matches (which does not compare with top viewing figures for the best of football, boxing and athletics) and around 1.2 million for *Rugby Special*, while recent rugby league matches such as the Regal Trophy semi-finals last month drew 3.8 million and 3.3 million respectively, and last year's Challenge Cup final, 4.1 million.

Television may suggest that if rugby union expects in excess of £20 million for the contract, then the game's rulers should encourage quality rather than the kind of fare offered up at Twickenham last Saturday.

The companies may even dare mention that England's entertainment value during the grand-slam years was less than total, relieved, however, by the undeniable success of the side. The combination of efficiency and success is what we have the right to ask of top sportsmen; in both areas England have strayed.

Is there a duty on the rugby player to entertain? No, there is not and never has been. The purpose of playing the game is to win, by scoring more points than the opposition. "If we're not here to win, why do we bother to keep score?" as Alan Jones, the former Australia coach, tersely put it.

But international rugby has placed itself in the entertainment arena. By joining the leading world sports, by encouraging huge commitment from sponsors, by building a variety of competitions into its inherited fabric, it endeavours to seduce players and spectators who might otherwise pursue other sports and it does so by offering itself as an attractive proposition.

The players, willy-nilly, are part of that package. Before and after internationals, England squad members undertake various "social" duties, promoting a product here, visiting a sponsor's box there. Those duties must have been particularly onerous after Saturday's defeat by Ireland. Nor is there any future in reminding ourselves that international rugby in the 1950s and 1960s was frequently even more dire: the level of expectation has changed for ever.

It is easy to talk about sport as entertainment, harder for the participants to produce it to order. However positive the plans of one side, they may be negated by the other.

But you can legitimately question attitude; the five nations' does not have to be a restrictive or restricting championship but more often than not it is. Wales showed last week that if you go out with a positive attitude, determined to take the play to the opponent — whatever elevated status they occupy — you may not only win but entertain, too.

Smith recall Scotland's only change

By Alan Lorimer

IAN Smith, the Gloucester flanker who came on as a replacement for Rob Wainwright during Scotland's defeat by England nearly three weeks ago, has been included in the side to meet Ireland at Lansdowne Road on March 5. He takes the place of Wainwright, who will miss the remainder of the five nations' championship because of a fractured cheekbone.

It is the only change to the team beaten by Jonathan Callard's last-minute penalty. Smith, 28, who will win his seventh cap, was the favourite to fill the vacancy after being asked to take part in Scotland squad training at St Andrews last weekend. He played for England B against Spain in 1990 before opting for Scotland, for whom he qualifies through his paternal grandparents.

In 1992, he played in the five nations' against Wales, Ireland and England but missed the match at Murrayfield against France because of injury. Ironically, it was Wainwright who was called in for that game. Later in 1992, Smith played in two internationals during Scotland's tour of Australia.

When the team was announced in Peebles yesterday, Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, described Smith as "our best genuine open-sider" but conceded that conditions in Rennes for the A game against France last Sunday did not give Stuart Reid and David McIvor, the other candidates, "the chance to shine".

In opting for Smith, who is a shade under six feet, the selectors have reduced their options in the lineout, where Wainwright was a key player.

The choice of Smith also indicates that the Scots propose to play a more expansive game against Ireland than in the Calcutta Cup match. Confirmation of such intentions is the retention of Gregor Townsend at stand-off half ahead of Craig Chalmers, who returns to the squad as a replacement.

"Whether we run the ball is dependent on the quality of possession," Paterson said. He believes the Ireland forwards are "likely to be the most physical opponents. They like to get themselves about the field and play with fire and commitment.

"Ireland's win against England has put our feet firmly on the ground," he added. "We know they are a strong side."

Paterson confessed to being initially critical of Townsend for kicking too much against England, though he changed his view after studying videos shot from a variety of angles. "After seeing the video pictures I now concede that there was little else on but to kick," he said.

Townsend will be the No 2 goalkicker to Gavin Hastings, who has had his kicking analysed on video to compare his technique at present with that of 1986, when it seemed he could hardly miss.

Apart from the selection of Chalmers there are three other changes on the bench. Michael Dods, rewarded for a good performance in Rennes, will be the cover for full back and wing, and in the forwards Carl Hogg comes in for Smith and Peter Wright, another who performed well in the A game against France, is preferred to Alan Watt as the front-row cover. The Scots will train at Murrayfield on Sunday and next Wednesday and Thursday before flying to Dublin.

☐ Dan Dooley, the Ireland A centre, has registered with Saracens, the club he left last year for London Irish. Dooley toured southern Africa with the Ireland development squad last summer and was tipped for an international cap this season but has been held back by injury. It is an encouraging reversal of recent trends for Saracens, who play Bath in the Pilkington Cup quarter-finals on Saturday.

TEAM

A G Hastings (Watsonians, capt); A J Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), D S Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), K M Logan (Stirling County), G P J Townsend (Gala), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest), A V Sharp (Bristol), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), P Walton (Northampton), D S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A I Reed (Bath), I R Smith (Gloucester), G W Weir (Melrose).

Replacements: M Dods (Gala), C M Chalmers (Melrose), B W Redpath (Melrose), C D Hogg (Melrose), P H Wright (Boroughmuir), K D McKenzie (Stirling County).

Referee: E Morrison (England).

ALAIN LOCKYER



Lathwell, after his chastening experience in South Africa, is trying hard to put his future back into focus

Lathwell to rebuild confidence

Ivo Tennant talks to the Somerset batsman who now admits that selection for England last summer came too early in his career

It was a measure of the talent as much as the frailties of Mark Lathwell that, when he began the first of what will be several sessions with the Somerset coach, the gallery was crammed with cameras. Chastened by failure at both levels of international cricket, he was determined not to brood over it.

Lathwell could have fared worse yesterday. He might have been at Sabina Park. It is but three weeks since he returned from the England A tour of South Africa, his self-esteem dented, his technique seemingly flawed. He was glad, in retrospect, not to have been selected for the tour of the Caribbean.

Last summer Lathwell was chosen for England on the basis that the very best cricketers are good enough at the age of 21 — and there were good as well as bad judges who reckoned he was of that standard. On a pitch at Taunton last May that hardly differed from its verdant wintry appearance yesterday, he played an innings before lunch which led Viv Richards, no less, to believe he was ready for Test cricket.

Lathwell was selected for the squad for the three one-day internationals and played in none. Bob Cottam, the Somerset coach, who was operating a bowling machine in the indoor nets at Taunton yesterday, still fumes about it.

When Lathwell was finally chosen for England, his form and self-confidence had drained away. Australia, in the cauldron of Test cricket, were too much for him.

After two Tests and four indifferent scores, he returned to Somerset. His continued poor form carried over to the tour of South Africa, where he made 215 runs in 13 innings. Criticism of his weight, as much as his lack of runs, cut him to the quick. He kept his own counsel.

Now, three weeks' recuperation in the West Country have had a beneficial effect. "South Africa was a complete nightmare for me," he admitted yesterday. "I do think I played for England too early and I did lose a lot of confidence after the start of the season. The experience of the last few months has made me keener to see if I really can play at the top level."

Cottam is concerned that the upshot of former Test cricketers flooding the media is a tendency to dissect a young player's technique, rather than report on his performances.

"I get the impression they are happy if England are not doing well," he said. "In the past, there was not this concentration by commentators on a coaching clinic."

The main criticism of Lathwell has been that he does not move his front foot to the pitch of the ball. "But because I don't, I have more time to leave anything moving away," he said.

"I always find that lunging forward makes me commit myself. I don't worry about what I look like so long as I hit the ball."

Over the coming weeks, Cottam will be emphasising to Lathwell the importance of shifting his weight when deciding whether to play forward or back.

"That's where his problem lies," Cottam said. "The late, great Roy Marshall used to come to Taunton just to watch Mark in the nets. He told me not to change him and I won't. He will soon be creaming the ball around again."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Whitbread leaders make slow progress

A LULL in the wind, a shark and a polythene bag slowed the progress of the leading yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race as they headed towards Cape Horn on the fourth stage yesterday (Barry Pickthall writes). The lead Lawrie Smith's crew on *Intrum Justitia* gained during the first part of the week after leaving Auckland on Sunday was reduced to less than 12 miles overnight by Chris Dickson's second-placed 60-footer, *Tokio*.

Another to lose ground was *Yamaha*, skippered by Ross Field, after the yacht struck a two-metre long shark which fouled her rudder. "It took us about 30 minutes to get under way again because we had to drop the sails and bring the boat to a stop," Field said. Grant Dalton's crew on the leading maxi, *New Zealand Endeavour*, also had problems when a large plastic bag caught around the keel. Sean Clarkson, the bowman, had to take a midnight dip to remove it. "There was only one thing for it," Dalton said. "Sean put on his dry-suit and went swimming."

England in strong start

BADMINTON: England began their campaign to qualify for the world team finals with 5-0 victories by both the men and women in Glasgow yesterday, and the news that Gill Clark, their most capped player, hopes to be fit for today's match against Holland. The presence of Clark, the European doubles champion four times, who has been suffering from a knee injury, would enhance the prospect of being one of the three nations competing in Glasgow to qualify for the eight-nation Thomas and Euber Cup finals in Jakarta in May.

Scotland, whose men face England today, also started well with both the men and women beating Iceland 5-0. .

Jackson on his own

ATHLETICS: The European indoor championships represent the easiest point of entry for young athletes in a senior championship but there is a disturbing lack of youth in the 25-strong British team named yesterday to compete in Paris from March 11 to 13 (David Powell writes). More than 50 places have not been taken, partly due to the absence out of choice of Britain's 1993 outdoor world championship medal winners, apart from Colin Jackson. Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell, Tony Jarrett, John Regis, Jonathan Edwards, Steve Smith, Tom McKean and Yvonne Murray, will be absent.

British breakthrough

SQUASH: With the two top ranked players unexpectedly beaten in the second round of the Leekes Classic, the stage seemed set for a British-led breakthrough in Cardiff this week (Colin McQuillan writes). Peter Nicol, the 24-year-old Scottish champion, caused a big upset on Tuesday by defeating Jansher Khan, the world champion from Pakistan, 17-14, 15-8, 11-15, 15-11, in 81 minutes. Earlier, Chris Walker, of Essex, had removed Rodney Martin, the No 2 seed, 15-13, 15-10, 5-15, 15-13, 17-15, and Marshall came through to meet Danny Meddings, of Surrey.

UAE batsmen in form

CRICKET: The United Arab Emirates defeated Ireland by 59 runs in the first ICC Trophy quarter-final group match in Nairobi yesterday. Mazher Hussain exposed the shortcomings of Ireland's attack with 122, while Saleem Raza crashed 36 not out from 16 balls in the UAE's total of 295-4. Ireland finished on 236-9, and must beat Bermuda to stay alive after the Bermudians defeated Canada by eight wickets in the other Group One game. In the second four, Kenya raced to victory before lunch after dismissing Hong Kong for 85, and Holland recorded a 46-run win over Bangladesh.

Hide wins court battle

BOXING: Henry Akinwande, the European and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, yesterday lost his High Court bid to strip Herbie Hide of his British title. Akinwande had claimed that Hide, who meets Michael Bentt for the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight title next month, was not a British subject when he won the national title a year ago. However, Mr Justice Morritt ruled that, under the regulations of the British Boxing Board of Control, the Nigeria-born Hide was a British subject and, therefore, entitled to fight for and retain the title.

St Mary's reach final

RUGBY UNION: St Mary's, runners-up last year, returned to the Uniplex United Hospitals Cup final yesterday when they beat King's 48-8 at London Welsh. They will meet Charing Cross/Westminster at the same venue on March 9. The two northern quarter-finals in the Commercial Union UAU competition were postponed because of bad weather, but, in the south, the two institutes of higher education — West London and Roehampton — progressed to the semi-finals. West London beat Bath University 28-16 after extra time and Roehampton beat Swansea University 18-17.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	135	220	good	varied	good	cloud	-1	20/2
Runs lower down becoming slightly soft								
AUSTRIA								
Igls	0	55	good	varied	closed	cloud	6	19/2
Some bare/worn patches on upper slopes								
Obergurgl	105	155	good	crust	fair	fine	4	11/2
Superb piste skiing on soft snow								
Schladming	50	150	fair	heavy	fair	fine	7	19/2
Good early spring skiing everywhere								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	150	250	good	varied	good	snow	-10	23/2
Snow conditions excellent, visibility poor								
Chamonix	50	375	good	heavy	fair	snow	5	23/2
All but highest runs heavy after overnight thaw								
Isola	230	290	powder	good	good	snow	-1	23/2
Abundance of powder on all runs								
Hevalier 80	180	good	powder	good	snow		2 23/2	
Superb skiing on all runs on fresh snow								
Val d'Isère	140	350	good	fair	good	snow	-2	23/2
Well groomed pistes offering flattering skiing								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	90	110	good	varied	good	cloud	-4	17/2
Lots of soft snow on well groomed pistes								
C Montana	40	150	good	varied	closed	snow	-1	23/2
Above 2000m remains in excellent condition								
Gstaad	35	90	good	varied	fair	cloud	0	23/2
Poor visibility due to low cloud								
St Moritz	90	160	fair	varied	good	snow	-1	11/2
Majority of pistes remain in good condition								
Villars	50	180	good	varied	fair	snow	2	23/2
Pistes becoming patchy on runs to village								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Israel 2 Georgia 0 (in Tel Aviv).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division, Cardiff 2 Swansea 4. The following matches were postponed: Coca-Cola Cup, Semi-final, second leg: *Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester United.* Endsleigh Insurance League: First division: Southend United v Millwall. Scottish League: Second division: Meadowbank Thistle v Alloa Athletic. Pontins Central League: First division: Blackburn v Notts County; Wolves v Aston Villa. Second division: *Middlesbrough v Bradford, Port Vale v Oldham, Scunthorpe v Manchester City; West Bromwich v Barnsley.* Neville Ovenden Combination. First division: Wimbledon v West Ham. Second division: Birmingham v Cheltenham.
Late results on Tuesday
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa 0 Manchester City 0; Ipswich Town 3 Sheffield United 2; *Norwich City 2 Blackburn Rovers 2.*
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Charlton Athletic 0 Sunderland 0; Crystal Palace 4 Bristol City 1, Derby County 0 Middlesbrough 1, Luton Town 4 Portsmouth 1, Notts County 2 Peterborough *United 1, Stoke City 2 Bolton Wanderers 0;* Wolverhampton Wanderers 3 Birmingham City 0. Second division: Brentford 0 Hull City 3, Cambridge United 1 Port Vale 0, Huddersfield Town 1 Swansea City 1, Plymouth Argyle 2 Blackpool 1, Wrexham 2 Fulham 0.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clyde 0 Morton 0. Second division: Berwick Rangers 1 *Stranraer 0.*
SEMI-PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL: Wales 1 England 2.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round replay: Cardiff 3 Ebbw Vale 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton 0 Arsenal 1, Queens Park Rangers 0 *Portsmouth 1.*
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Leek 5 Hyde 0.
ANDORRA LEAGUE: Second division: Egham 1 Chertsey 2, Hungerford 0 Newbury 1, Leatherhead 0 Thame 8, Metropolitan Police 0 Edgware 2. Third division: Epsom and Ewell 2 Oxford City 3. Carlsberg Cup. Third round, Dulwich 1 Kingstonian 0, Hendon 1 Uxbridge 0; St Albans 3 Heybridge Swifts 3 (St Albans won 4-3 on pens), Wokingham 2 Dorking 1; Yeading 0 Bishop's Stortford 1, Carlsberg Trophy Third round: Aveley 0 Hornchurch 2 (aet).
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 4 Glentoran 1, Wilkinson Sword League Cup: Second round: Coleraine 2 Larne 1, *Distillery 4 Tobermore 0, Glenavon 2 Limavady 0, Portadown 4 RUC 0.*
BORD GAIS LEAGUE CUP: Final: First leg: Derry 2 Shelbourne 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1 Wallerscote 0, Crawley 0 Gresley 1, Midland division: Grantham 2 *VS Rugby 3, Hinckley 1 Leicester United 0.* Southern division: Gravesend and Northfleet 2 Fareham 0, Sudbury 1 Poole 2.

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: Thomas Cup: European zone: Group B: Norway 3 United States 2, Group C: Iceland 5 Barbados 0, Group X: Holland 4 Switzerland 1, Finland 3 Canada 2, Group Y: England 5 Poland 0 (England names first). D Hall bt J Hankiewicz 15-3, 15-2; A Nelson bt D Zeba 17-14, 15-11; P Knowles bt R Mateusiak 15-7, 15-4; S Archer and M Adams bt Hankiewicz and Zeba 15-5, 15-12; C Hunt and J Robertson bt *Mateusiak and D Plawecki 15-7, 15-9.* Scotland 5 Iceland 0 (Scotland names first). D Gilmour bt B Kristjansson 18-16 15-9, B Flockhart bt T P Hangsson 15-4 18-16, J Master bt T Nielsen 15-6 15-5, R Hogg and K Middlemiss bt Kristjansson and A Hallgrimsson 18-15 15-5, A Gee and G Haldane bt Hangsson and G Adolfsson 15-5 15-6. Group Z: Sweden 4 Norway 1, Germany 4 New Zealand 1. Uber Cup: European zone, Group A: Iceland 4 Israel 1; Spain 3 Belgium 2. Group B: Switzerland 5 Slovenia 0; Portugal 5 Cyprus 0, Slovenia 5 Portugal 0. Group C: Belorussia 4 South Africa 1, Wales 1 France 4 (Wales names first): K Morgan lost to S Dimbour 4-11, 11-2, 10-12, R Phipps lost to C Moll 8-11, 3-11, G Davies lost to S Lefevre 9-11, 2-11; Morgan and Phipps lost to Dimbour and Moll 17-14, 8-15, 11-15, H Tarleton and Davies bt V Delvingt and Lefevre 15-5, 2-15, 15-6; *France 3 Belarus 2. Group D:* Norway 5 Italy 0; Hungary 3 United States 2, Finland 3 Hungary 2. Group W: Germany 4 Poland 1 Denmark 5 Norway 0. Group X: Holland 3 New Zealand 2. Group X: England 5 Iceland 0 (England names first). S Louis-Lane bt E Nielsen 11-2, 11-0, F Smith bt V Asgeirsdottir 11-3, 11-3, A Humby bt G Juliusdottir 11-2, 11-2; G Gowers and J Wright bt Juliusdottir and B Petersen 13-3, 15-7, J Bradbury and J Davies bt T Edwald and E Nielsen 15-1, 15-4. Group Z: Sweden 5 France 0; Scotland 5 Bulgaria 0 (Scotland names first): A Gibson bt N Nedjalkova 10-12, 11-7, 11-7, E Allen bt D Nedjalkova 4-11, 11-7, 11-4; G Martin bt V Hristova 11-5, 11-5; E Allen and J Allen bt Nedjalkova and Hristova 15-2, 15-6; J Haldane and A Travers bt Koleva and E Dimitrova 15-5, 13-15, 15-10.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 114 Minnesota 91, Indiana 107 Dallas 101, New Jersey 97 Miami 123, New York 83, Seattle 93 Houston 98, Denver 97 Milwaukee 113 Golden State 117, Portland 120 LA Clippers 117, Sacramento 95 Boston 93.

CRESTA RUN

SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP (hand-cap): 1, V Erdmann (Ger) 154.88. 2, D Livergadge (GB) 160.46. 3, C Haeber (Swtz) 160.86. 4, *M Mertens (Ger) 162.19.* 5, R Raymer (GB) 162.95. 6, P Drouiard (Fr) 163.87.

CRICKET

ICC TROPHY, Quarter-finals: Hong Kong 86 in 33.1 overs (A Nagpura 5-24, M Sze 3-17), Kenya 90-2 in 16 overs (P Owino 52 not out). Kenya won by by eight wickets. Canada 149-9 in 43.2 overs (I Laird 42, N Gibbons 4-31), Bermuda 151-2 in 35 overs (K Steede 48, D Smith 44). Bermuda won by eight wickets. Holland 205 in 48.2 overs (R Van Oosterom 54, M Abedin 3-33), Bangladesh 159 in 46 overs (Jahangir Alam 48, R Visee 4-30). Holland won by 46 runs. United Arab Emirates 295-4 in 50 overs (Mazhar Hussain 122, Azhar Saeed 54), Ireland 236-9 in 50 overs (A Dunlop 44, Arshad Lag 4-49). United Arab Emirates won by 59 runs.

CYCLING

CALPE, Spain: Tour of Valencia, first stage: (153km around Calpe): 1, A Baffi (It) 3hr 56mn 12sec; 2, R Aldag (Ger) same, 3, S Wesemann (Ger) same, 4, A Gutierrez (Sp) same, 5, Asuite Sarov (Russ) same, 6, F Frattini (It) same.
TERRASINI: Sicilian week: Fourth stage: (153-km) (Italian unless stated). 1, F Rosolen 4hr 23mn 13sec; 2, G Colasanna, same time; 3, A Tolli (Swtz) same, 4, A Cerasco, same time, 5, F Casagrande 39sec; 6, R Sorensen (Den) same time.

HOCKEY

RUSSELSHEIM, Germany: European indoor championships: Final: Russelsheim 6 Berliner HC 5. Third-place play-off: Edinburgh 7 Hightown 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Winnipeg 2 Florida 3, Vancouver 4 Calgary 4 (OT).

RUGBY UNION

COMMERCIAL UNION UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals: Bath 16 West London 11, IHE 28 (aet) Swansea 17, Roehampton 18. Postponed: Manchester v Northumbria, Durham v Sheffield Hallam.
UNIPLEX UNITED HOSPITALS CUP: Semi-final: St Mary's 48 (King's 8 (at London Welsh).

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: (7.0) Bolton v Derby; Leeds v Leicester; *Manchester United v Nottingham Forest.*
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Crystal Palace (at Welling, 7.0).

OTHER SPORTS

BADMINTON, Thomas and Uber Cups: *European zones (Glasgow).*
BOWLS: World indoor championships (Preston Guildhall).
ROWING: Oxford Torpids; Cambridge Lent races.
SQUASH: Leekes Classic (Cardiff).
CLUB MATCHES, Newbridge 31 Tredegar 0, Newport 48 Ebbw Vale 3 (abandoned 60min) Cancelled: Pembroke v Narberth, Treorchy v Fairwater; Oxford University v Ariti-Assassins.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Postponed: Bramley v Keighley; Rydale York v Rochdale.

ROWING

BOSTON: world indoor rowing championships: Lightweight women: 1, A Stapleton (GB) 8min 54.65sec (world record); 2, B Luzuy (Fr) 9:01 3; 3, O Shaoyan (China) 9:05.6. Open women: 1, M Brandin (Swe) 8 13 6 (world record), 2, Z Xiuyun (China) 8.31 8, 3, B McCagg (US) 8 37.9. Open men: 1, M Sajkowski (Pol), 7.23.1, 2, J Rolland (Fr) 7 29 6, 3, T Bohrer (US) 7:32 6. Lightweight men: 1, W Sigl (Austria) 7.52 9; 2, J Roberts (US) 7.53.1, 3, M Gier (Swtz) 7 53.8.

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Welsh Classic men's tournament: Second round: P Nicol (Scot) bt Jansher Khan (Pak) 17-14, 15-8, 11-15, 15-11, R Eyles (Aus) bt D Ryan (Ire) 15-6, 15-8, 15-11. Women: Second round: M Martin (Aus) bt C Owens (Aus) 15-8, 15-9, 15-1; C Jackman (Eng) bt R Macree (Eng) 15-6, 15-12, 15-10. C Nitch (SA) bt H Wallace (Can) 15-7, 15-13, 7-15, 15-7.

TABLE TENNIS

STUTTGART: European Women's Super Division final: Germany 4, England 0 (J Shopp bt L Lomas 21-10, 21-15; N Struse bt A Gordon 21-17, 21-15; *D Nemes bt A Holt* 21-18, 21-12; Struse and C Fischer bt Lomas and Holt 21-17, 12-21, 21-16).

TENNIS

ROTTERDAM: Men's indoor tournament: First round: A Volkov (Russ) bt O Nargiso (It) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; I Hatelnikov (Russ) bt B Steven (NZ) 7-5, 6-2, K Novacek (Cz) bt A Antonesch (Austria) 6-4 7-5, R Gilbert (Fr) bt Y Et Aynaoui (Mar) 7-6, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt D Pimnsil (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt J McEnroe (US) 6-2, 7-6. Second round: R Gilbert (Fr) bt K Novacek (Cz) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; A Volkov (Russ) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6.
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Strong overseas contingent included in universities' selections

Boat Race crews reach far and wide for talent

By Mike Rosewell

OXFORD and Cambridge universities will draw heavily on rowers from overseas when they contest the 140th Boat Race on March 26.

The Oxford contingent produced a false start in the run-up to the 1994 race when they were delayed in traffic and kept Cambridge and the media waiting half an hour for the official Boat Race challenge and crew announcement in London yesterday.

When they finally got under way, it emerged that both crews would contain a significant overseas presence. The Cambridge line-up includes two Germans and an American, while Oxford will field two Norwegians, a South African and an American. The overall standard is once again impressive, 13 of the 18 students named yesterday having represented their countries at junior, under-23, or senior world championships.

Cambridge have selected four of their winning crew from 1993, Jon Bernstein, their American president, Richard Phelps, the Great Britain international, Sinclair Gore, from Ireland, and their 1993 stroke, Will Mason. The arrival of two German world and Olympic medal-winners, Peter Höltzenbein and Thorsten Streppelhoff, and the British international, Matthew Parish, has, Bernstein said, "made the selection process very difficult this year", and has led to the exclusion of two past performers, Dirk Bangert, a German double blue, and Martin Haycock, the 1993 coxswain. Two Great Britain under-23 rowers, Roger Taylor and the coxswain, Russell Slatford, complete the line-up, the order of which was finalised only this week when Streppelhoff was preferred to Mason at stroke.

CREWS

Cambridge University

Bow: R Taylor (Shrewsbury and Trinity Hall), 2, W Mason (Shrewsbury and Trinity Hall)*, 3, S Gore (Methodist College, Belfast and Jesus)*, 4, R Phelps (Latymer Upper School and St Edmund's)*, 5, J Bernstein (president; Phillips Andover (US), Harvard and St Edmund's)*, 6, M Parish (Eton, University College London and St Edmund's), 7, P Hoeltzenbein (Munster Ruhr Universitat, Bochum (Ger) and Magdalene), Stroke: T Streppelhoff (Dorsten, Ruhr Universitat Bochum (Ger) and St Edmund's), Cox: R Slatford (King's, Wimbledon, Durham University and Hughes Hall).

Oxford University

No positions named; crew from following nine: A Gordon Brown (Hyde Park HS (SA), University of Cape Town and Keble), Snorre Lorgen (Lycée Corneille (Fr), Harvard, Massachusetts Inst of Technology and Iffley), Sverke Lorgen (Spellavik VGS (Nor), Harvard and University), H Macmillan (Eton and Worcester), C Mahne (Eton and St Catherine's), J Michels (St John's College HS (US), La Salle (US) and Pembroke), A Pearson (Cantord and Worcester), K Poole (president; Magdalen College School and St John's)*, Cox: E Chick (Helsby HS and Christ Church).

* a blue

Oxford were not prepared to name the positions of their crew yesterday and decided on the nine personnel only last Sunday. Richard Tinkler, their coach, said: "We haven't shuffled the cards yet but the boys have trained hard and we match Cambridge for power now."

Oxford include three blues, Kingsley Poole, the president, Joseph Michels, from the Unites States, at 29 the oldest member of either crew and a veteran of three Boat Races, and the coxswain, Liz Chick, who steered brilliantly in Oxford's victory in 1992. The Lorgen brothers, Sverke and Snorre, will become the first Norwegians to compete in the Boat Race. Sverke, 20, will be the youngest rower in the race but his age belies his experience gained at the Olympic Games in 1992 and the world championships last year. Another Olympic oarsman, Andrew Gordon-Brown, from South Africa, gets his first opportunity this year as do two Etonians, Harry Macmillan and Christian Mahne, and Adam Pearson.

The Cambridge coaching team of John Wilson, Sean Bowden and the New Zealander, Harry Mahon, attempting to achieve Cambridge's first two-year winning sequence since 1972-73, remains unchanged in spite of the fact that Mahon takes up a new post as head coach for New Zealand in April. The Cambridge post is already being advertised for next year but Roger Stephens, a Cambridge spokesman, hopes that Mahon will "still have some input".

Tinkler is on a one-year contract and his Oxford coaching post will be advertised after this year's race, but Steve Royle, the Oxford rowing director, expressed his satisfaction with Tinkler yesterday, saying: "Richard is grooming himself for the position."

Cambridge are emerging as unaccustomed favourites. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent will present the Beefeater Trophy to the crew that gets it right on the day.

RESERVE CREWS: Goldie (Cambridge; no positions listed): * D Bangert (Univ of Würzburg, Fitzwilliam and St John's), M Barnett (Harrogate Grammar and Queens'), A Carver (Eton and Robinson), S Dawson-Bowling (King's School, Canterbury, and Magdalene), G Duntield-Prayero (St Paul's and Trinity Hall), L Mellemsteter (Skole, Harvard and Emmanuel), R Muirhead (Westminster and Jesus), R Swinton (Shawnigan Lake School (Can), Yale and Peterhouse), A West (Shrewsbury and Magdalene), I Wood (Bedford Modern and Trinity Hall). Cox: * M Haycock (Abingdon and Magdalene). M Sorrell (Winchester and Peterhouse).

ISIS (Oxford, from): R Allen (Hereford Cathedral and Mansfield), D Clegg (Radley, University College London and Keble), O Griffiths (Shrewsbury and Christ Church), L Halligan (John Lyon School, Warwick Univ and St Antonys), J Hodges (Abingdon and Oriel), M Holmes (St Edward's and Balliol), D Ismay (Gonzaga College HS, US Naval Academy and Queen's), J McLanahan (Middlesex School (US), Yale and Pembroke), E Pearse (The Leys, Cambridge, and Oriel), Cox: A Mathers (Loughborough High School and Pembroke), G Whiting (Monmouth and Christ Church).

* a blue



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Snorre, left, and Sverke Lorgen, the Norwegian brothers who will row for Oxford

Price maintains form to beat eager Forrest

By Gordon Allan

JOHN Price became the first previous winner to reach the second round of the singles in the Churchill Insurance world indoor bowls championships when he beat Steve Forrest, of Canada, 7-1, 7-3, 7-5 at Preston yesterday.

Price, the 1990 champion, won the first two sets with ease but found himself 5-1 down in the third. He tied the scores and effectively ended Forrest's resistance.

"I was playing my best bowls in that third set and yet nearly lost it," Price said. "Steve got better and better as the match went on and did well with his forcing shots."

Price's next opponent is Mark McMahon, from Hong Kong, the Commonwealth Games silver medal-winner, who beat Gary Lawson, the New Zealand champion, 7-5, 7-4, 7-6. Price beat McMahon on his way to his 1990 title.

McMahon, a management trainee, kept an admirable length throughout. The third set turned into a draw-drive contest — McMahon drawing, Lawson driving, and, almost inevitably, McMahon having the better of it.

Richard Corsie, the holder, is scheduled to play Ian McClure, an up-and-coming Irish player, tomorrow. Willie Wood, the man Corsie beat in the first of his three winning finals in 1989, took four sets to overcome David Evans in an entertaining match.

Evans, a former Welsh youth football international, who had trials as a centre half for Nottingham Forest over 30 years ago, was making his first appearance on the portable rink and had difficulty finding the correct weight, tending to be too heavy.

He stayed in the game by winning the third set with the aid of a four on the second end, but Wood always looked in relaxed touch and he duly came through.

"I think the rink is playing better than ever before," Wood said. "There are four good hands out there."

Evans won his Welsh qualifier for Preston last October, and in November successfully underwent treatment for heart trouble. His son, Barry, is a bowler, too, and skipped for Wales in the under-25 international against England at Stevenage recently. Late in the afternoon, Neil Booth, of Co Antrim, defeated Jim McCann, the runner-up last year, 3-7, 7-3, 7-2, 7-4.

Two former champions step onto the green today, when Hugh Duff, the 1988 winner, plays Cameron Curtis, of Australia, and Tony Allcock, the winner in 1986 and 1987, meets Brian Bisson, of Jersey.

Al Mewett, of Australia, the president of the World Indoor Bowls Council, has some thought-provoking comments in the programme. "Our sport," he writes, "has become a serious business. It is not merely a sense of euphoria that encourages me to believe that our success breeds success.

"I am convinced that a World Series Cup for bowls played on a world circuit is looming in the not-too-distant future."



Price: former winner

RESULTS: Singles: first round: M McMahon (HK) bt G Lawson (NZ) 7-5, 7-4, 7-6, J Price (Wales) bt S Forrest (Can) 7-1, 7-3, 7-5, W Wood (Scot) bt D Evans (Wales) 7-2, 7-2, 6-7, 7-1, N Booth (Ire) bt J McCann (Scot) 3-7, 7-3, 7-2, 7-4. Pairs: First round: J Price and S Rees (Wales) bt S Forrest (Can) and M McMahon (HK) 7-0, 7-2, 5-7, 7-4, C Curtis and I Schuback (Aus) bt J Henry and I McClure (Ire) 7-2, 7-5, 7-1, P Campbell (SA) and J Rabkin (Isr) bt B Bisson (Jer) and A Welch (Guer) 6-7, 7-3, 7-5, 7-4

SPORTS LETTERS

Imperfections that disfigure ice dancing

From Mr John Marti-Rossi

Sir, Having watched Torvill and Dean give a further example of how perfection is performed on ice, I was disgusted that the BBC commentators could not admit to saying the unthinkable: that the ice dance judges were, at the very least, not following the rules set by the governing body: and, at worst, the whole competition was a fiasco from start to finish. The other skaters were neanderthals in comparison to Torvill and Dean, whose programme was brilliantly improvised.

The governing body set the rules for ice dancing for this year's Winter Olympics and yet the judges were not applying the rules. Further, four of the nine judges had been suspended by the world governing body last year because they based their voting on the practice session held in the morning before the evening performance. Then these same suspended judges were reinstated!

This is well shown by the couple representing Finland, who performed well in the morning's practice session but fell apart during their evening performance, and yet they received not the usual 4.9 to 5.2 or 5.3 but scores of 5.4 upwards to 5.7.

Furthermore, on Saturday, Torvill and Dean received four 5.9s for their technical programme but only two 6.0s for their artistic impression; this is contrary to the convention whereby all artistic marks go up by at least .1 above the technical marks, which would have given Torivil and Dean four 6.0s on their artistic score sheet.

Moreover, it seems that the judges will not appreciate that professional performers make their living as ice dancers, whereas amateurs perform to set patterns and disciplines. Ironically, these Olympic amateurs did not even follow the rules set by the world governing body.

What incensed me more than anything is that nobody in BBC television gave recognition to these facts in the immediate aftermath of the marks given to Torvill and Dean. Has the BBC gone the same way as the Foreign Office — give credit to foreigners first and foremost and then perhaps do something on behalf of Britain?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MARTI-ROSSI,
London E9

From Mr. J Linsley Hood

Sir, The perverse judging of the Olympic ice dancing championship seems to have confirmed that "ice dancing" is an art form, and that, as such, will follow the same Alice in Wonderland rules which guide other contemporary art forms, which seem to require that, if the public likes it, then it is no good, and conversely.

Yours faithfully,
J LINSLEY HOOD,
Robins, Greenway,
West Monkton, Somerset

Rare bird

From Mr H. S. Jones

Sir, Your article about the birds of golfing paradise (February 16) reminded me of an incident which my father experienced when playing the short par 4th on the Brodick course on the Isle of Arran. He told me proudly that he had hit an eagle and a birdie on the same hole. When asked to explain, he described how his second shot, an eight-iron, downwind, had hit a seagull before pitching onto the green and dropping for a two!

Not as noteworthy as a hole in one, but perhaps a better story.

Yours faithfully,
HOWARD S. JONES,
Woodstock,
Morchard Bishop,
Crediton, Devon.

From Mr Robert Worlidge.

Sir, I was amused by John Hopkins's article (February 16) but must take issue with his dismissal of the ostrich as this is a bird which can run at up to 80mph or bury its head in the sand. Both attributes appear entirely appropriate to winning or losing a hole in four under par.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WORLIDGE
Abbey Rectory,
17, Park Lane, Bath.

Standing up for plodders

From Mr John Edwards

Sir, It appears that Mr T. S. McRoberts (Sports Letters, February 17), who advocates various options to encourage running with the ball in rugby football, is thinking only of the spectators and not the players.

Rugby football belongs to the players who turn out in their thousands every Saturday to play the game for the enjoyment that they get from playing and socialising after the game. They are players who pay their subscriptions, buy their own kit and support any fund-raising activities run by their club. All this is because they love the game.

The idea of reducing the number of forwards from eight to five is particularly senseless. Not only is it doubtful if it would improve the game as a spectator sport, it would deprive many young (and not so young) men of their Saturdays' pleasure. I would hazard a guess that at least 30,000 men play rugby on an average Saturday; a reduction of three players per team would leave 6,000 players without a game. And most of the players abandoned would be those cheerful, plodding forwards who play because they love the game and enjoy the company.

Having been a plodding forward myself, I fail to see what real difference a smaller American type ball would make.

Regarding further changes to the laws, I would suggest that the recent changes are allowed a much longer run before more changes are made.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EDWARDS,
Tattenhams,
Bar Hill,
Madeley, Cheshire.

Balance needed

From Mr Adrian Metcalfe

Sir, It has always been a fundamental principle that fair play is at the heart of sport. On Monday, a memorial service was held for Cliff Temple, an old friend and outstanding athletics writer, who sadly recently took his own life.

Unfortunately, the tributes which were properly paid to a decent and talented man were submerged and his memory forever tarnished by the most unpleasant witch-hunt in the history of athletics.

His friends, however, high-minded, might well consider that the controversial allegations at the heart of his now infamous conversation with Andy Norman (recorded six months before his death) had been properly reported by Mr Norman at the time to no less than three senior officals of the BAAB. Yet it is Mr Norman who stands publicly condemned and unheard.

The real tragedy is that the memory of a fine writer, the reputation of Britain's most effective athletics offical and, above all, the integrity of a wonderful sport may all be sacrificed to a misguided and unprincipled vendetta, unless some sense of proportion can rapidly be established.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN METCALFE,
247 Euston Road, NW1.

On-off saga

From Mr Ken Broad

Sir, It now seems that the England team did not just have an "off" day against Scotland, but rather an "on" day against the All Blacks.

Yours faithfully,
KEN BROAD,
Manor Court,
Church Aston,
Newport, Shropshire.

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People's sport

From Mr Robin Wallace

Sir, In response to David Miller's question about mogul skiing "sport or entertainment?" (February 17), I would like to point out that the sport exists, and is part of the Olympic programme, to cater for the thousands of participants worldwide.

Moguls form naturally in every ski resort in the world, especially in the poorer countries where piste-grooming vehicles are not available. These moguls make up the most challenging terrain for the most advanced skier. Every skier will have to attempt skiing in the moguls at some stage.

Some people hate them but many people enjoy them enough to want to enter competitions. In the United States, France, Canada and Japan alone there will be over 200 competitions this season. Even the British championships, held in Davos, has to close its doors to excessive entries.

Should mogul champions stand alongside other Olympic champions? Ask yourself how many people around the world get to try luge, or biathlon, or nordic jumping or downhill. Are those sports' competitors truly the best in the world?

The equipment and clothing used in moguls is the same as that used by holidaymakers. Quite poignant when one learns that it is the equipment manufacturers who decide to whom the fastest downhill skis are to be given.

Futhermore, mogul courses are natural and cost nothing to build, unlike many other Winter Olympic sites.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN WALLACE,
Coach,
British Freestyle Ski Team,
Lillehammer,
Norway.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

LEXIPHANES

(c) Given to the use of pretentious terminology, such as lexiphanic, one who uses bombastic phraseology, a long-winded nerd, from *Lexiphanes* the Phrase-monger, the title of one of Lucian's discourses.

MULIEBRITY

(c) Womanhood. Sisterhood, the qualities or characteristics of being a woman, the feminine equivalent of virility, from the Latin *muliebris* womanly, *mulier* a woman.

PROCELLO

(b) A tool used for modifying the form of a glass vessel or object while being rotated on the end of the punty (eg for pinching in the neck of a bottle) apparently from the Italian, probably Venetian.

RHABDOMANCY

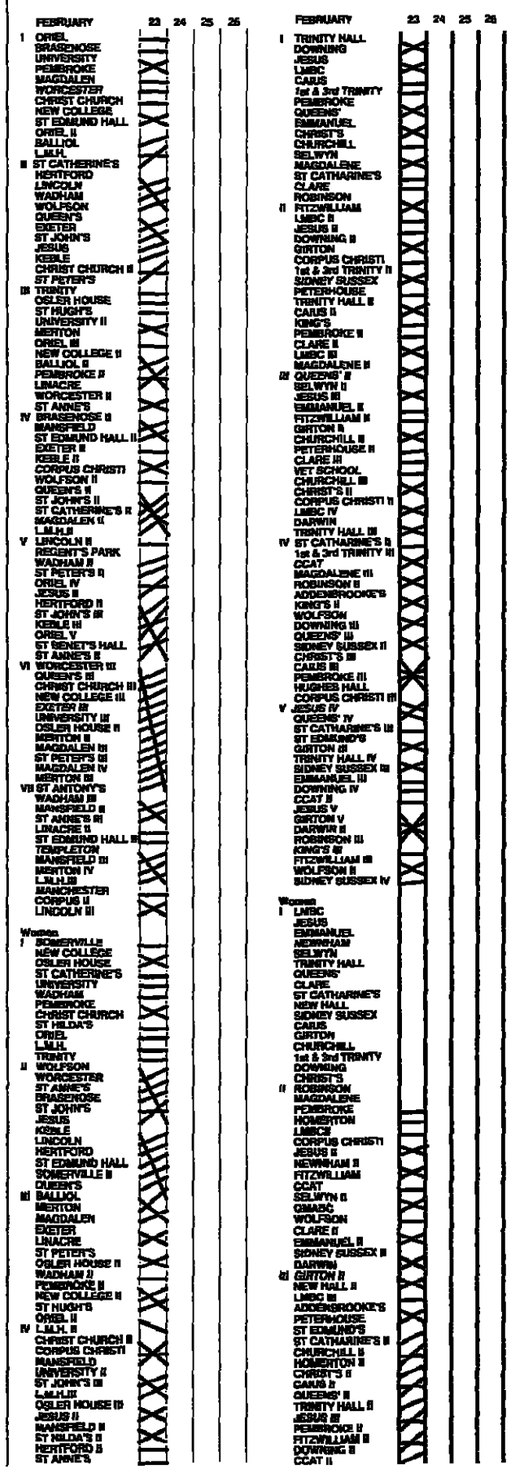
(c) Divination by means of a rod or wand, the art of discovering ores, springs of water, etc., in the earth by means of a divining-rod, from the Greek *rhabdos* a rod or wand + *manteia* divination, prophecy; De Quincey, *Confessions of an English Opium Eater*, 1856: "Whatever science or scepticism may say, most of the tea-kettles in the vale of Wrighton are filled by rhabdomancy."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Bxh7+! Kxh7 2 Rxd4 wins a pawn and wrecks Black's kingside. Black cannot hold his extra piece, as 2 ... Bf3 allows 3 Rh4+ Bh5 4 Rxh5+ Kg8 4 Rxg7 mate.

TORPIDS AND LENTS ROWING

THREE sinkings in the Men's Division IV caused near-chaos on the first day of Oxford University Torpids on the Isis yesterday.



ON THE first day of the Cambridge University Lent bumps, Trinity Hall, the head boat, was toppled by Downing at Morley's Holt.

Le Huray strikes to rescue Oxford

Oxford University 1
Hockey Association XI... 1

By Sydney Friskin

A LATE goal by Martin Le Huray saved Oxford University from defeat in the annual match against the Hockey Association's representative team at North Oxford Sports Ground yesterday. The match came to life only in the last 15 minutes, neither side having enough skill or resource to penetrate earlier.

However, Gavin Featherstone, the Oxford coach, said that the pattern was understandable. "The players were of the same age group and of that philosophy which tends to give nothing away," Featherstone said.

The lack of understanding in an experimental Association team was to be expected, but the defence did well to hold Oxford in check.

It took 28 fruitless minutes for the Association to force the first short corner, but nothing came of it. There was no change of tactics in the second half, but the stalemate was finally broken by the Association in the 56th minute.

Simon Archer missed the target from a difficult angle, but Oxford were penalised for obstruction and Ben Sharpe converted the resultant short corner.

The pace increased with Grant Edwards attacking strongly on Oxford's left wing, one of his centres finding Le Huray, whose shot was well saved by Jason Barrow.

Oxford forced their first short corner in the sixtieth minute from which Le Huray ended a well laid scheme by putting his shot against a post.

Seven minutes before the end, Edwards ran strongly again on the left and his centre was picked up by Simon Morley, a substitute forward, who set up Le Huray to score from close range.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: O Wesseley, * R Markham, * S Mackay, R MacDowell, J Pratt, C Bloor, * S Griffiths, * G Edwards, M Le Huray, W Kendall. * W Graham. Substitutes: D Edwards, * S Morley, * Arshad Khan.

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: J Barrow (Hounslow), A Lock (Beeston), J Boyse (Lewes), G Fordham (Hounslow, capt), K Reesby (Beeston), M Kochar (Welton), A Boyse (East Grinstead), B Sharpe (Cannock), R Gibson (East Grinstead), M Pearn (Gloucester City), S Archer (Slough). Substitute: B Barnes (East Grinstead).

Umpires: S Powell and S Cronin (Southern Counties)

* a blue

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Aamodt and Tomba fail to live up to great expectations in giant slalom

Wasmeier completes golden double



Wasmeier on the way to victory in the giant slalom in Hafjell yesterday. It was his second gold medal of the Games, after his triumph in the super-giant slalom

FROM DAVID MILLER
IN HAFJELL, NORWAY

ON THE most glorious day of sunshine yet in these sharply refrigerated, splendid Winter Olympics, the much-awaited men's giant slalom produced the most unexpected result: failure for Alberto Tomba, Kjetil Aamodt, Marc Girardelli and the other "gate" specialists, and a second gold medal for the smiling Markus Wasmeier, of Germany. He was champion by 0.02sec.

Third behind Christian Mayer, of Austria, and Urs Kaelin, of Switzerland, after the first run — in which Tomba, Aamodt and Girardelli were thirteenth, eighteenth and did not finish respectively — Wasmeier kept his nerve to be third fastest again on the second run and achieved the double of gold in the super-giant slalom and, the event in which he has little recent form, the giant slalom.

Wasmeier, 30, came to the post-medal interview with, as ever, his eyes sparkling. A double champion? "I can't believe it," he said, and it was sincere. He maintained the same unaffected, self-effacing attitude as he had last week in victory.

Asked whether his life would have benefited from such an achievement earlier in his career, he gave a characteristic response. "It's OK now," he said with a smile. "Sport is always up and down. That's life, full of surprises."

It was, he felt, a sensation to have been in third place after the first run. "If the two guys ahead had beaten me, I'd still have been happy. I was tense [after the second run, in fourteenth starting position], wondering what would happen."

Before the race, warming up, he had been anything but confident. The course was too narrow, he considered, for a super-giant slalom specialist such as himself; there were too many difficult turns. It was so cold, despite the sunshine, that between runs he was busy trying to keep his feet warm.

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Meanwhile, the crowd, disappointed by the failure of Aamodt and Lasse Kjus, and hopeful that Jan Thorsen, the bronze medal-winner in the super-giant slalom in Albertville and now lying fourth, might improve on the second run, was entertained by the sight of Queen Sonja elegantly skiing down the course in long skirt in the company of friends. Such is Norwegian egalitarianism.

Local hopes, however, were not to be fulfilled. After all the early glories of these Games, shades of over-confidence seem to have invaded the Norway team camp. Bjorn Dahlie had suffered from this in the Nordic relay the previous day, and now Aamodt, giant slalom bronze medal and super-giant slalom gold medal-winner in Albertville, admitted to it.

"Maybe I was not humble enough," he said at a crowded press conference after finishing fifth on the second run and twelfth overall. "Maybe I didn't take sufficient notice of my coach. Perhaps I thought I was too good." Thorsen, in the event, maintained his fourth position.

As for the downhill on the opening Sunday, an icy, bumpy course had been prepared specially for the supposed advantage of the home skiers. The ruse again did not work. "It wasn't necessary," Mayer, the bronze medal-winner, said meaningfully.

Was not 30 too old, Wasmeier was asked, in this event in which his best results in the past four years were seventh in the world championship in Japan last year and seventh in Salt Lake City three months ago? Well, he replied, he was combining a few old techniques from when he won in the 1985 world championship and a few that were new. "I still like to feel the course," he said, "to go with the terrain, and this helped [on a difficult course]."

Kaelin, at 28 a relatively old and relatively unknown Swiss, earned the reward of consistency: second and fourth on the two runs for a silver medal. He had been fourth in last year's world championship giant slalom and this was added face-saving for Switzerland following Vreni Schneider's bronze the previous day.

Mayer's bronze medal was Austria's first in Alpine events in these Games. He had said a month or so ago that he thought he could finish in the top three, but my guess is that this was mere optimism. He admitted yesterday to being nervous on the second run, in which he was tenth, after leading on the first run.

For Tomba, the "boy from the plains" near Bologna, the day proved to be a cul-de-sac. He was thirteenth on the first run and sixteenth on the second, and now only the slalom remains for him to achieve a rare treble of medals in three successive Games.

Those close to him say that he has reached a time of life, at 27, in which he wonders where he is going after all the years of success, all the glory. At Christmas it was, apparently, evident that his mind was not properly focused on the Games, and his friends were doubtful about his prospects. "He needs a break," they said, and his performance yesterday confirmed it.

Flying Scot adjusts tempo

David Powell finds Britain's rising Alpine skier's approach to success in the Winter Olympics has been tempered by experience

Emma Carrick-Anderson was 16 when she competed in her first Olympics, the youngest British team member at the 1992 Albertville Winter Games. The youngest but the best in Alpine skiing.

Her seventeenth place in the combined competition of downhill and slalom was the highest achieved by a representative of the British Alpine squad. As she observed preparations for the medal ceremony, she offered a prediction for Lillehammer. "That will be me next time, you wait and see."

Now she knows it will not. Two seasons on the international circuit have been a lesson in patience. "I am hoping for top 15 in the slalom," she said, assessing her prospects for her best discipline.

That comes on Saturday but today she makes her entry in Lillehammer, in the giant slalom. She withdrew from the combined because the downhill was too demanding for her inexperience.

A place in the top 20 would encourage her for Saturday; and a top-15 finish in the slalom would convince her that her main aim for the season, a medal in the world junior championships, is within reach. It will be her fourth world junior championship, her last chance.

"I have been so close the last two years that I desperately want to get a medal this time," Carrick-Anderson said. She was fifth in 1992 and fourth last year after the first run, but straddled a gate on the second.

Why, though, has a world junior medal become her focus, not the Olympic one she spoke of in Albertville? "She is a big talent, but we have had to be careful not to burn her out," Kurt Scherl, a former Swedish team coach and now Carrick-Anderson's, said. Scherl is working on the slow-but-sure theory and progress has been obvious, if not spectacular. She achieved recently her best Europa Cup result of seventh.

Neither of the Bell brothers, Martin or Graham, finished in the top 25 of the downhill, so Carrick-Anderson seems likely to be Britain's best Alpine skier for the second successive Olympics. No small achievement for a schoolgirl, albeit one based in the Alpine stronghold of Schladming, Austria.

Indirectly, Carrick-Anderson is sponsored by the Austrian government. "It does seem strange them funding a foreign person, but I pay for my food and accommodation," she said. Her schooling and skiing is paid for by the state.

She is in her fourth and final year at Schladming and, except for Austria's contribution, is standing on her own two skis. For the first time, her father, Chris, a solicitor, is not funding her. Sponsorship of the British women's squad by HG Asia Securities backs her competitive programme and she has personal support from Tate and Lyle.

She has also enjoyed assistance, from Annelise Coberger, the New Zealander who won the slalom silver medal in Albertville, with whom she has been training. "It has been great to look up to her, to see how she skis and take tips from her," Carrick-Anderson said. She has been working on "staying forward" on her skis.



Carrick-Anderson: progressing

The Scot's talents are many and varied. She speaks fluent German, plays the saxophone, is studying shorthand, and is a former central Scotland junior swimming champion. Her powers of persuasion are proven, too.

"I met some Austrian girls at a race in Czechoslovakia when I was 13 and saw they were way ahead of me," Carrick-Anderson said. "I wanted to be a World Cup racer and I knew it would be hard living in Britain. Mum and Dad realised how much I wanted to go to ski school and eventually gave in."

She passed an entrance exam for Schladming, but the argument was still not won. "My father tried to put me off at first. He said it looked like a prison." Outside fortress Schladming, the road led to Albertville but, still to make her World Cup debut, she was daunted by the likes of Vreni Schneider, the World Cup champion.

Now experienced in the World Cup and in sharing hotels with the sport's luminaries, she will show no diffidence today. She aims to be one of them, eventually, "to be in the top three of the World Cup consistently". And perhaps fulfil her prediction of a place on the podium, even if it has to wait until 1998.

WINTER OLYMPIC RESULTS

ALPINE SKIING

MEN'S GIANT SLALOM: 1, M Wasmeier (Ger) (1min 28.71sec, 1:23.75) 2min 52.46sec; 2, U Kaelin (Switz) (1:28.70, 1:23.78) 2:52.48; 3, C Mayer (Austria) (1:28.34, 1:24.24) 2:52.58; 4, J Thorsen (Nor) (1:28.78, 1:23.93) 2:52.71; 5, R Salzgeber (Austria) (1:29.51, 1:23.38) 2:52.87; 6, N Bergamelli (It) (1:29.38, 1:23.73) 2:53.12; 7, L Kjus (Nor) (1:29.07, 1:24.16) 2:53.23; 8, B Gstrein (Austria) (1:29.13, 1:24.22) 2:53.35; 9, J Nobis (US) (1:29.02, 1:24.50) 2:53.52; 10, G Kjorstad (Nor) (1:29.16, 1:24.45) 2:53.61; 11, G Mader (Austria) (1:29.37-1:24.29) 2:53.66; 12, K Aamodt (Nor) (1:30.03-1:23.88) 2:53.91; 13, F Piccard (Fr) (1:29.79-1:24.18) 2:53.97; 14, M Kunc (Slovenia) (1:28.90-1:25.17) 2:54.07; 15, T Barnerssoi (Ger) (1:29.96-1:24.53) 2:54.49; 16, T Grandi (Can) (1:29.97-1:24.79) 2:54.76; 17, I Piccard (Fr) (1:30.21-1:24.64) 2:54.85; 18, F Nyberg (Swe) (1:29.96-1:24.98) 2:54.94; 19, P Accola (Switz) (1:30.21-1:24.75) 2:54.96; 20, R Crossan (Can) (1:30.85-1:25.25) 2:56.10. British: 31, S Pession (1:33.94, 1:26.68) 3:02.62; W Gaylord (disqualified on second run)

ICE HOCKEY

QUARTER-FINALS: Canada 3, Czech Republic 2 (OT); Finland 6, United States 1.

NORDIC SKIING

MEN'S 10km BIATHLON: 1, S Chepikov (Russ) 28min 07.0sec, 0 targets missed; 2, R Gross (Ger) 28:13.0, 0; 3, S Tarasov (Russ) 28:27.4, 1; 4, V Dratchev (Russ) 28:28.9, 1; 5, L Gredler (Austria) 28:05.4, 2; 6, F Luck (Ger) 29:09.7, 2; 7, S Fischer (Ger) 29:18.0, 1; 8, H Flandin (Fr) 29:33.8, 1; 9, J Ozbolt (Slovenia) 29:35.8, 0; 10, A Popov (Belarus) 29:38.5, 0. British: 49, I Woods 31:58.3, 2; 67, K Rudd 34:19.7, 4.

MEN'S TEAM COMBINED: 90km ski jump: 1, Japan 733.5pts (M Aba 92.0, 88.5; T Kono 100.0, 94.0; K Ogiwara 89.5, 96.0); 2, Norway 672.0 (B Vik 83.5, 94.0; K Apeland 89.0, 82.0; F Lundberg 81.5, 88.5); 3, Switzerland 649.5 (J-Y Cuendet 89.0, 94.0; A Schaad 88.5, 81.5; H Kempf 80.5, 83.5); 4, Estonia 619.0; 5, Austria 609.0; 6, Czech Republic 603.5; 7, United States 602.0; 8, Germany 595.0; 9, Finland 592.0; 10, France 557.5.

WOMEN'S 7.5km BIATHLON: 1, M Bedard (Can) 26min 08.8sec, 0 targets missed; 2, S Paramygina (Belarus) 26:09.8, 2; 3, V Tsarbo (Ukr) 26:10.0, 0; 4, I Sheshid (Kaz) 26:13.9, 2; 5, P Schaal (Ger) 26:33.6, 2; 6, I Kokouleva (Belarus) 26:38.4, 2; 7, N Sanke (It) 26:39.8, 3; 8, S Greiner-Petter-Memm (Ger) 26:48.5, 3; 9, E Hakova (Cz) 26:48.2, 1; 10, E Kristiansen (Nor) 26:53.5, 0.

SPEED SKATING

WOMEN'S 1,000m: 1, B Blair (US) 1min 18.74sec; 2, A Baier (Ger) 1:20.12; 3, Ye Qiaobo (China) 1:20.22; 4, F Schenk (Ger) 1:20.25; 5, M Garbrecht (Ger) 1:20.32; 6, S Kusunose (Japan) 1:20.37; 7, E Hunyady (Austria) 1:20.42; 8, S Auch (Can) 1:20.72; 9, O Ravilova (Russ) 1:20.82; 10, N Polozkova (Russ) 1:20.84; 11, S Fedotkina (Russ), 1:20.89; equal 12, A Hauck (Ger) and Xue Ruihong (China) 1:20.93; 14, A Thomas (Holl), 1:20.94; 15, Yoo Sun-hee (S Kor) 1:21.40; 16, Jin Hua (China) 1:21.48; 17, M Dascalu (Rom) 1:21.84; 18, K Shimazaki (Japan) 1:21.96; 19, C Le May (Can) 1:21.98; 20, C Aalfink (Holl) 1:22.16.

TODAY

08.30: Skiing, women's giant slalom, first run.
09.00: Nordic combined, team 3 x 10km cross country.
11.00: Freestyle skiing, aerials finals.
11.30: Cross country skiing, women's 30km classical.
12.00: Skiing, women's giant slalom, second run.
14.00: Ice hockey, ninth-place match.
15.30: Ice hockey, eleventh-place match.
18.00: Short-track speed skating, women's 500m, men's 500m qualifying and men's 5,000m relay qualifying.
18.30: Ice hockey, consolation match.
20.00: Ice hockey, consolation match.
TELEVISION: BBC2: 14.15-15.00; 16.30-17.30; 20.00-21.30.

MEDALS

	G	S	B	T
Russia	10	7	4	21
Norway	8	7	2	17
Germany	8	4	6	16
United States	5	3	1	9
Italy	4	3	8	15
Canada	3	3	3	9
South Korea	2	1	0	3
Switzerland	1	3	0	4
Austria	1	2	4	7
Sweden	1	0	0	1
Japan	0	2	1	3
Belarus	0	2	0	2
Kazakhstan	0	2	0	2
Holland	0	1	3	4
France	0	1	2	3
Finland	0	0	3	3
Britain	0	0	1	1
China	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

Debate continues over Kings' entry into Europe

Nicholas Harling queries the wisdom of Guildford's costly attempt to take on leading continental teams

BENETTON Treviso, the runners-up in basketball's European championship last season, visit the Guildford Kings tonight still with a slim chance of qualifying for this season's final eight.

Whether or not the English club beats the Italians to avoid a whitewash of 14 defeats in semi-final Group A, there will be no swift end to a debate likely to continue until into the summer and next season.

Were Guildford, only fourth in the league last season, right to enter the top club competition? Were the basketball authorities right to allow it? And would they do so again?

There is a school of thought that says Guildford have done the English game a service by bringing the Continent's leading teams to the Spectrum Arena nine times over the past four months.

Spectators have been able to view, in the flesh, outstanding players of whom they had only caught occasional glimpses on television. That Guildford have almost bankrupted themselves in the process and may fold is another matter.

Guildford's plight, which has been exacerbated by the crisis suffered in Spain by Dorna, the marketing company responsible for television rights, has alerted both the International Basketball Federation (Fiba) and the English Basket Ball Association. Both say they will permit only the champion clubs to participate in future. Yet the English champions, Worthing Bears, declined to enter last season and may well drop out again, should they qualify, unless financial support is guaranteed by Budweiser, the league's sponsor.

Where else in Europe would the same champion club two years running fail to fulfil its obligation? But who can really blame them?

The risk Guildford took was considerable but it is never likely to be emulated by Worthing who, with two accountants on their board and one marketing consultant, "are not known as a league of gamblers", according to Colin Smith, one of their directors.

"It is why we have kept this club afloat for seven years without a major sponsor or anyone throwing money at the club," he said. "Of course we would love to go into Europe, who wouldn't? If the support from Budweiser was sufficient to make the risk sufficiently small, then we would go."

From Bracknell, the home of Thames Valley Tigers, this season's title favourites, the answer was similar. "We would obviously be looking to go into Europe but that would be subject to the cost," John Nike, the club's owner, said.

Rival clubs have crowed at Guildford's demise, but what they conveniently overlook is the fact that in Dynamo Kiev and Hapoel Galil Elyon, the Kings beat two good clubs to reach this stage. As Mike Smith, the Basketball League's chief executive, points out, Galil were the first Israeli club to fail to progress from the preliminary rounds.

"Guildford did extremely well to get this far but obviously having done so, it is disappointing that they haven't succeeded," he said. He did not need to add that, but for a chronic injury list and disputes with their two American players, who are now both back home, Guildford might well have gained respectability and be looking forward to solvency.

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UNITED AIRLINES

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (60279)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54003453)
9.05 Kilroy. A studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (7674705) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (5318989)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9336960) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3806095)
10.30 *Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick*. Weekday magazine (s) (38592163)
12.15 Pebble Mill (3916732) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (55680960)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (73182)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49682908) **1.50 The Great British Quiz**. General knowledge contest hosted by Janice Long (s) (49686724)
2.15 FILM: Inspector Clouseau (1968) starring Alan Arkin. Comedy in which the accident-prone French inspector is seconded to Scotland Yard to help them catch a gang associated with the Great Train Robbery. Directed by Bud Yorkin (395786)
3.50 Noddy (r) (s) (7361786) **4.00 Batfink** (4433881) **4.05 Jackanory**. Simon Shatzberger narrates Diana Hendry's tale, *Kid Kibble* (s) (1188714) **4.15 Popeye and Son** (7952453) **4.30 Mud**. *Episode two of the seven-part comedy series starring Susie Blake. (Ceefax) (s) (6580705)*
4.55 Newsround (7009453) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (5161502)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (194250)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with *Anna Ford and Andrew* Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (279)
6.30 Regional news magazines (231)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (3279)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (415)
8.00 Nelson's Column. Comedy series set in a local newspaper office. Starring John Gordon Sinclair. (Ceefax) (s) (2927)



The capuchin is a little monkey (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE Wildlife on One: The Storm Troop. (Ceefax) (s) (1434)
9.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party. (Ceefax) (680989)
9.05 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (457453)
9.35 Absolutely Fabulous. Patsy and Edina try to find new companions for lunch when they fall out over a mutual friend. With guest appearnaces by Zandra Rhodes, Britt Ekland and Lulu. (Ceefax) (s) (699637)
10.05 Ben Elton – The Man from Auntie. Stand up comedy and sketches (s) (926328)
10.35 Question Time chaired by David Dimbleby. This week's panel includes Douglas Hogg, MP (473724). **Wales:** The State 11.05 *Question Time* 12.05am Jonathan Ross Presents 12.35 Squash 1.05-1.25 A Way of Life
11.35 Jonathan Ross Presents. *An interview with the* American actor Johnny Depp (s) (183569)
12.05am A Way of Life. The third of four programmes marking Ramadan (s) (1939903)
12.25 Weather (4061564). Ends at **12.30**
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (18496)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Biology Insect Diversity (1243298) **6.45** Maths: The Binomial Theorem (6888540) **7.10** *Motion* Newton's Laws (6717705) **7.35** The Ocean Floor (8084540)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (2934989)
8.15 Westminster Daily (4878502)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Includes **12.50 Advice Shop** from Stoke-on-Trent. A look at the new Incapacity Benefit (s) (3592434), and, for children, **1.20 Fiddley Foodle Bird** (s) (25046453) **1.30-1.40 Johnson and Friends** (s) (60574415)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbertime** (r) (s) (11027786)
2.15 Olympic Grandstand. The aerial skiers and the first run of the women's giant slalom (5672926)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live**. (Ceefax) (5652892) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7369328)
4.00 Today's the Day. News quiz (s) (144)
4.30 Olympic Grandstand. The women's giant slalom and the women's 30km cross-country (65908)
5.30 The World of Wine. The second of two programmes about Bordeaux. (Ceefax) (908)
6.00 FILM: Hi Honey, I'm Dead (1991) starring Curtis Armstrong and Catherine Hicks Comedy about an obnoxious and self-centred estate agent who dies in a freak accident and has the chance to come back as a malodorous scruff and try to win the affection of his grieving widow and young son. Directed by Alan Myerson. (Ceefax) (89892)
7.30 First Sight: Soul Murder. Fiona Bruce reports on how suicide among the Asian community is reaching almost epidemic proportions (647). **Wales:** *Week In Week Out*, **East:** *Matter of Fact*. **Midlands:** Midlands Report: **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye, **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West
8.00 Olympic Grandstand featuring short track speed-skating (77569)



Donald Johanson on human evolution (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE In Search of Our Ancestors: Lucy (235231)
10.20 A Party Political Broadcast *on behalf of the* Conservative Party. (Ceefax) (899960)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (952219)
11.15 Late Picasso. A look at the exhibition of Picasso's sculptures at the Tate Gallery in London (s) (585328) **11.55 Weather** (317724)
12.00 Open View. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (9064039)
12.05am Patterns of Inheritance. Genetic variation (r) (6175019). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE



Japanese hide out in a Saipan cave (C4, 9.00pm)

Secret History: Suicide Island
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The lesser-known episodes of the Second World War continue to provide strong material for documentary film-makers. In 1944 United States marines invaded Saipan, *an island held by the Japanese. The battle* lasted four weeks and ended in a crushing victory for the Americans. Casualties were high. Of 30,000 Japanese troops, only 1,000 survived. Half the island's 20,000 civilians also lost their lives. Survivors from both sides put *flesh and bones on these grim statistics.* Despite the carnage, many of the Japanese refused to surrender. It was against their code of honour. Some killed themselves by gathering in groups around a grenade. Others threw themselves off 50-foot high *cliffs and there is film showing them doing it.*

In Search of Our Ancestors
BBC2, 9.30pm

The American fossil hunter Donald Johanson hosts a three-part series on the quest for human origins. Programme one *comes from the deserts of Ethiopia* where Johanson and his colleagues have spent 20 *years looking* for clues about the evolution of man. His most significant find was the remains of a small female, part ape and part human, which lived more *than three million years ago. Lucy, as he decided to* call her, helped to provide the long-sought "missing link" between primitive apes and the first human beings. Although the film tends to elevate Johanson above others, such as the Leakeys, who have made no *less important discoveries, it offers* a clear and well-organised exposition of a complex subject.

Wildlife on One: The Storm Troop
BBC1, 8.30pm

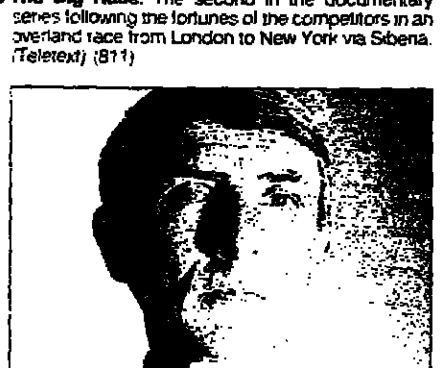
The cameras go to the forests of Venezuela to report on *two species of monkey, the perpetually wandering* capuchins and the stay-at-home red howlers. Small, sharp and intelligent, the capuchins roam the forests for food, *eating caterpillars, stealing birds' eggs and* licking the nectar from flowers. The chief male of the troop has been nicknamed Stormin' Norman and you can quickly understand why. The capuchins, in turn have to be alert to ocelots or boa-constrictors who *would like nothing better than a monkey for lunch.* The red howlers, by contrast, stay lazily at home and announce their presence in a high-pitched howl that *can be heard two miles away. Sir David Attenborough* provides his usual enthusiastic commentary.

Commando
ITV, 9.30pm

There is nothing like sitting back in an armchair *watching other people being pushed to the limit.* An army officer is trying to climb a 30-foot rope and does not look like making it. "Don't hang there like a *Christmas decoration!", roars the instructor, who* sounds like Lenny Henry bawling out his kitchen staff in *Chef*. The exhortation is in vain. Lt Lewis slithers down the rope, tumbles to the ground and slopes off. Bang goes his chance of the green beret. Lewis says he is pig sick, which at least makes a change from parrot sick. As relief from climbing ropes and scaling walls our aspiring commandos walk 12 miles with heavy *packs on their backs. You do not need to be told about* the pain. You can feel it. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (3997095)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8060892) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3882415)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (2726415)
10.35 This Morning (35586502) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8476415)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3503540)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (3588231) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian drama (Teletext) (97264960)
1.55 Gardener's Diary John Ravenscroft with seasonal advice (50594722) **2.25 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (43329057) **2.50 TV Weekly** presented by Eamonn Holmes (s) (3802892)
3.20 ITN News headlines (8674095) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8673366)
3.30 Allsorts (s) (9854366) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7390298) **3.50 Garfield and Friends** (4494637) **4.10 Animaniacs** (Teletext) (2872960) **4.40 Fun House.** Slapstick game show (Teletext) (2616908)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5195569)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (442434)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (40705)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (8347)
7.30 The Big Race. The second in the documentary series following the fortunes of the competitors in an overland race from London to New York via Siberia. (Teletext) (811)



Eric Richard's suspicion is aroused (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Dead Men Don't Drive Cars. Sgt Cryer (Eric Richard) investigates a man taking driving tests under assumed names names of men who are now dead (Teletext) (7095)
8.30 Minder: On the Autofront. Arthur is worried when his patch is invaded by a rival second hand car firm. (Teletext) (s) (18811)
9.30 CHOICE Commando: No Pain, No Gain (s) (45250)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party (817366)
10.05 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (944724) **10.35 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (566618)
10.45 Just a Minute. Small screen version of BBC radio's comedy chat show, chaired by Nicholas Parsons (s) (532705)
11.15 Big City Entertainments guide (s) (539618)
11.45 FILM: The Trail of the Pink Panther (1982) starring Peter Sellers and David Niven A compilation of out-takes from previous *Pink Panther* films, made two years after Sellers's death. Directed by Blake Edwards (210453)
1.30am Donahue The guest is the singer Michael Bolton (82477) **2.30 The Beat**. Music and movie magazine (r) (s) (70106)
3.30 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (50564)
4.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (38895)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (83212)
5.30 ITN Morning News (66496). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (6366328)
7.00 The Big Breakfast Includes music from the Proclaimers (63705)
9.00 Sabotage All-women game show presented by Maria McErlane (s) (33927)
9.30 Schools. Middle English Personal Non-fiction (4710237) **9.46** Mathematical Eye (2951386) **10.07** Scientific Eye (3899705) **10.28** Geographical Eye: Over Europe (4287144) **10.52** Schools at Work (5987144) **11.00** History in Action Hypotheticals (8136273) **11.22** The Microclass (7234076) **11.40** The French Programme (3394786)
12.00 House To House Maya Even reports on business in both Houses (13163)
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early learning series. The guests are H Ross Perot and Lou Diamond Phillips (86724) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak**. Animated adventures of a musical duck (r) (62927)
2.00 FILM: 29 Acacia Avenue (1945, b/w) starring Gordon Harker, Betty Balfour and Jimmy Hanley. British comedy about a couple who return to their suburban semi after a holiday to discover that their two children had been whooping it up in their absence Directed by Henry Cass (89927)
3.30 Sky Traders A documentary about the British Air Services (1939298)
3.55 A Taste Of Africa. A repeat of yesterday's programme about Moroccan cuisine. (Teletext) (s) (6333892)
4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (724)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Making a return visit to the show is Jane Elliott, an expert on racism (Teletext) (s) (8036521)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy Animation (152415)
6.00 Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads another collection of intrepid souls through the fantasy time zones (r) (s) (48347)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (605873) **7.50 Comment** Inventor Simon Hossack on the new "Europlug". (Teletext) (885811)
8.00 Eat Your Greens Last in the vegetable cookery series (r). (Teletext) (5637)
8.30 The Pulse. A look at the cause and treatment for hypochondria. (Teletext) (4144)
9.00 CHOICE Secret History: Suicide Island (Teletext) (s) (7705)



Kate Hardie is left alone in Spain (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Under the Sun (1992) starring Kate Hardie *and Stella Maris. Comedy drama about a young* woman who starts a round the world trip from Manchester but becomes stranded in Malaga after *her travelling companion goes off with a Spaniard* and, after her luggage is stolen, is forced to fend for herself. With Caroline Catz and Pablo Duarte Directed by Michael Winterbottom (Teletext) (s) (93095)
11.30 Sex Talk. A discussion on sadomasochism, presented by Mark Chase (r) (948873)
12.20am Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (4493651)
1.10 The Manor of Ulloa. Episode three of the four-part Spanish drama serial set in 1880s Galicia. English subtitles (r) (2675212). Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** *Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show,* including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier in the Afternoon **4.00** Nicky Campbell, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** *Pause for Thought* **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Reluctant Jester. Michael Bentine (r) **7.30** Wally Whyton with country music **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** High and Lonesome: The origins of bluegrass music (1/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools. Let's *Make* a Story; **9.15** Together; **9.35** Listen and Read 2, **9.45** Letterbox; **9.55** Poetry Corner; **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Sporting Albums (r) **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** What if ... the UK Had One *National Football Team Rather Than* Four? **3.00** Test Match Special: West Indies v England **10.15** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** *British News* **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europa Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** *Network UK* **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** *John Peel* **9.00** *World News* **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Laughing Aloud **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** *Multitrack 2* **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** *Outlook* **2.30** *Off the Shelf: Frankenstein* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** World *News* **3.15** *Ray on Record* **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** *World News* **8.10** *Words of Faith* **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** *Newshour* **10.00** News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** No Money, No Music **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global *Concerns* **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** The False Inspector Drew **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** World News **4.15** Top Scores

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** *Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Flute Concerto in D)* **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** *Evening Concert* on the theme of travel. Beethoven (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage); *Ibert (Escales); Reich (Different* Trains); Schubert, arr Liszt (Wanderer Fantasy); Haydn (*Symphony No 76 in* E flat) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Jane Markham

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast *Experience* **10.00** *Richard Skinner* **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (3882415) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (8476415) **1.55** A Country Practice (49670163) **2.20** TV Weekly (43344366) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3802892) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8673366) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (5195569) **6.00** Home and Away (425873) **6.25-7.00** *Anglia Weather and* Anglia News (848231) **10.35** Anglia News and Weather (566618) **10.45** Anglia Tonight (532705) **11.15** Phoenix (148540) **12.15am** *The Powers That Be* (1944835) **12.40** Bodies of Evidence (4481449) **1.35** Superstars of *Wrestling* (8722908) **2.20** America's Top Ten (7264380) **2.45** Girl on Approval (1941293) **4.05** *Jobfinder* (12420651) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (21800)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (3882415) **12.20pm-12.30** Central *News and Weather* (8476415) **1.55** Shortland Street (49670163) **2.20** TV Weekly (43344366) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3802892) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8673366) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (5195569) **6.00** Home and Away (425873) **6.25** Central News and Weather (433892) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (653989) **10.35** Central News and Weather (566618) **10.45** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (476811) **11.40** The Car (955989) **1.30am** The Little Picture Show (82477) **2.30** Nosy Mothers (70106) **3.30** The Twilight Zone (16570456) **3.50** Nite Bites (21959212) **4.05-4.50** Jobfinder (7149361) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3563632)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West News (3882415) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (8476415) **1.55** A Country Practice (49670163) **2.20** TV Weekly (43344366) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (3802892) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (8673366) **6.00** HTV News (347) **6.30-7.00** *Disaster Chronicles* (927) **10.35** *HTV West* News and Weather (566618) **10.45** The West This Week (502958) **11.30** Rock Sport (772502) **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H (969366) **12.40am** Bodies of Evidence (4481449) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (8722908) **2.20** America's Top Ten (7264380) **2.45** Girl on Approval (1941293) **4.05** *Jobfinder* (12420551) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (21800)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (8673366) **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six (347) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (811) **10.35** HTV Wales News and Weather (566618) **10.45** A Slice of Life (532705) **11.15-11.45** Wales and Westminster (539618)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49670163) **2.20** TV Weekly (43344366) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3802892) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (347) **6.30-7.00** Getaways (927) **10.45** Bodies of Evidence (721873) **11.35** Love and War (178637) **12.05am** Coach (6162545) **12.35-1.30** Street Legal (7382651) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (83212)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49670163) **2.20** TV Weekly (43344366) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (2377569) **5.55** *Tyne Tees Today* (862786) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (927) **10.45** Northern Eye (502958) **11.30** *Prisoner Cell Block H* (964811) **12.25am** Such Good Friends (763125) **2.15** America's Top Ten (84458) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (83729) **3.15** Whipsaw (1976534) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans (50594722) **2.25-2.55** TV Weekly (43343637) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (40705) **10.45** Westcountry Focus (532705) **11.15** Prisoner Cell Block H (985279) **12.10am** Coach (1945564) **12.35** My Story (5818835) **12.40** Bodies of Evidence (4481449) **1.35** Wrestling (8722908) **2.20** America's Top Ten (7264380) **2.45** Girl on Approval (1941293) **4.05** Jobfinder (12420651) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (49670163) **2.20** TV Weekly (43344366) **2.50-3.15** The Young Doctors (2377569) **5.55** Calendar (862786) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (927) **10.45** Edit V (502958) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (964811) **12.25am** Such Good Friends (763125) **2.15** America's Top Ten (84458) **2.45** *Cinema, Cinema,* Cinema (83729) **3.15** Whipsaw (1976534) *4.40-5.30 Jobfinder* (1482212)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (63705) **9.00** *Sabotage* (33927) **9.30** *Ysgolion/schools* (873057) **12.00pm** House To House (13163) **12.30** *Slot Meithrin* (30328) **1.00** *A Taste Of Africa Morocco* (66892) **1.30** The Great Commanders, Napoleon Bonaparte (7744724) **2.15** I Pagliacci (335273) **4.00** Slot 23 (8938291) **4.01** Tomos Y Tanc (7955540) **4.15** Uned 5 (4329182) **5.00** The *Cosby Show: Shall We Dance* (9453) **5.30** Countdown (796) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (510415) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (412434) **6.25** Heno (846873) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6989) **7.30** Ar Y Prom (29647) **8.30** Newyddion/news (4134) **9.00** Taro Naw (7340) **9.30** The Pulse (43892) **10.00** Misery (62824960) **12.05am** The Money Police: Inland Revenue (8906038)

RADIO 3

6.30 Open University: Running the Country — Next Steps
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Bach (Sonata in A, BWV 1032); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 5 in B flat; *Song without Words,* Book 8 No 47: Myra Hess, *piano*); *Milhaud* (Percussion Concerto: Evelyn Glennie; Scottish CO); Monteverdi (O Come sei gentile); Beethoven (Incidental Music, The Creatures of Prometheus, Op 43: Boston SO)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Lalande, Marais and Their Circle. Bernier (Motet du Saint-Esprit), Marais (Pièces de viole, Book 3 — *excerpts*); Campra (Deus in nomine tuo — excerpts); Royer (La Chasse, Zaïde; La Majestueuse; Le Vertigo); de la Guerre (La Raccommodement comique); Mouret (Les Amours de Ragonde, Act 2 — excerpts); Marais (Alcyone, Act 5 — excerpts)
10.00 Musical Encounters: *Lovelock (Saxophone Sonata);* Schubert (String Quartet in G, *D887); Rimsky-Korsakov* (Capriccio Espagnol)
12.00 Ensemble: A recital by the American pianist Kevin Kenner (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Handel's Last Oratorios: The series of five programmes begins with *Susanna*, a story of virtue in the face of false *accusation. University of* California, Berkeley, Chamber Chorus; Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra under Nicholas Cage. With Lorraine Hunt
4.20 Sophie Yates. Byrd (John Come Kiss Me Now, *Lachrimae Pavan; The* Carman's Whistle; The Bells; The Woods So Wild; La Volta; Callino Casturame; Wolsey's Wilde; Sellinger's Round)
5.00 The Music Machine: *How* composers use the idea of conflict in their music
5.15 In Tune: Martinů (Allegro poco, Tre Ricercare); Glazunov (Chant du ménéstrel); Mozart (Symphony No 25 in G minor)
7.25 Live from Covent Garden: Chérubin. See Choice. Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra under Mario Bernardi perform Act 1. **8.10** *The James Naughtie Interview* with Tim Albery, director of the *production*. **8.30** *Act 2*. **9.15** Interval. **9.30** Act 3
10.15 A Different Rhythm (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Homi Bhaba and Abdulrazak Gurnah discuss western modernity
11.30 Voices: A recital by Olga Borodina. Rachmaninov (Morning; Child! As a flower *you are beautiful; Dream; In the silence of the mysterious night; For my own sorrow I* loved; How I suffer; How fair it *is here; Oh, do not grieve;* Lilacs; Do not sing, my *beautiful one; Vocalise; The* Water Lily; I'm waiting for you); Shostakovich (Spanish Songs, Op 100); Falla (Siete canciones populares españolas)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

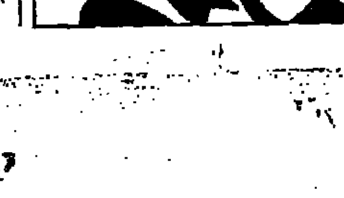
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** *Business News* **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports *News* **7.45** *Thought for the* Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 On the Ropes: John Humphrys talks to Graham Taylor, the former England football manager
10.00-10.30 Oliver Twist (FM only) See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW *only*)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Acts of *the Apostles (4/10)*
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Marya Burgess talks to women who have attempted to take their own lives. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Paul Boateng chairs a historical discussion with Helena Kennedy, QC, Nigel Dempster, Dr Alan Borg and Ken Follett **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Eyes Down, by *Judith* Johnson. An extraordinary day *in the life of an ordinary East* End bingo hall. With Kate Williams and Brian Hibbard
3.00-4.00 Anderson Country (FM only), with Gerry Anderson
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Arnold Wesker's play, *The Kitchen*, and a stage adaptation of Steinbeck's novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*
4.45 Short Story. Price of a Wedding Ring, by Rhys Davies. Read by Siôn Probert
5.00 PM 5.50 *Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon. Comedy
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack. An examination of the almost-religious fervour with which Amway, the soap, is promoted and sold to *converts*
8.00 Analysis: Hugh Prysor-Jones *examines the conflicts* between society's increasing sexual liberalism and the Government's drive to promote the values of home and family
8.45 Does He Take Sugar: Magazine for the disabled
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight *9.59 Weather*
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey Abridged and read by John Turnbull (11/12)
11.00 Stanza: Andrew McAllister *talks about the poetry that has* emerged from the troubles in Northern Ireland and the fighting in the former Yugoslavia
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Oliver Twist. *Radio 4 FM. 10.00am.*
Nigel Bryant's serialisation of Dickens's novel started well and, by episode four today, is still going well. I am amazed how much of Dickens's text Bryant has managed to leave in. What treats does he offer this morning? One of them is unexpected. Instead of the workhouse matron Mrs Corneu, *as Dickens has it, it is the money-*grabbing child "farmer" Mrs Mann (Pam Ferris) with whom Bumble (Roger Hume) so memorably takes tea. Another treat is the arrival of *Monks* (Kim Wall) — a *sinister* fellow who enters to a correspondingly sinister low note on Kathryn Locke's cello.

Live from Covent Garden: Chérubin. *Radio 3, 7.25pm.*
I have not seen Tim Albery's production of Massenet's romantic comedy, but Rodney Milnes has, and his notice in last Wednesday's *Times* was the nearest thing to a rave ("what singers! ... *an evening of* pure, unadulterated pleasure ... not great art, but my goodness, it's fun"). The indispensable facts about *Chérubin* are that the American mezzo Susan Graham sings the role of the amorous pageboy, and that Mario Bernardi conducts. **Peter Davalle**



LUNCHTIME CONCERTO 2PM.
Michael Haydn — Flute Concerto in
D Major
CLASSIC *f*M 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (73626250) **8.40** Lamb *Chops* (5748415) **9.10** *Cartoons* (4179637) **9.30** Card Sharks (3758881) **9.55** Concentration (2108142) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6674076) **10.30** Love at First Sight (57521) **11.00** *Sally Jessy Raphael* (11366) **12.00** Urban Peasant (48873) **12.30pm** E Street (96366) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (86521) **2.00** Top of the Hill (87811) **3.00** Another World (6447601) **3.45** DJ Kat (9784095) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6908) **6.00** Games World (5521) **6.30** E Street (6873) **7.00** M*A*S*H (7637) **7.30** Full House (2057) **8.00** Rescue (21618) **9.00** LA Law (34182) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (44569) **11.00** The Untouchables (92231) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (23854) **1.00am** Night Court (91361) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (41854)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (19569) **9.30** ABC Nightline (90502) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (80837) **11.30** Japan Business Today (22415) **12.30pm** News/Business (84453) **1.30** CBS News (85182) **2.30** Parliament (73637) **4.30** News/Business (2298) **5.00** Live at Five (245106) **7.30** The Reporters (3927) **9.30** Talkback (76144) **11.30** CBS News (67892) **12.30am** ABC News (66651) **1.30** The Reporters (22019) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (76477) **3.30** Talkback (71922) **4.30** The Reporters (67670) **5.30** CBS News (97598)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (8134182)
10.00 From Hell to Victory (1979): The war disrupts a reunion (92182)
2.00 Queimada! (1969): Marlon Brando incites rebellion in the Caribbean (68786)
2.00pm The Prisoner of Zenda (1979): Starring Peter Sellers (28521)
4.00 The Wizard of Speed and Time (1988). Mike Jittlov touts his skills as a special-effects artist (4540)
6.00 Wargames (1983). Matthew Broderick accidentally triggers a nuclear war (15057)
8.00 For the Love of My Child (1993). A family's 16-year-old daughter develops leukaemia. With Priscilla Lopez (83415)
10.00 Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991). Arnold Schwarzenegger's steely cyborg saves the human race (31677144)
12.15am Happy Together (1990). Mismatched students Patrick Dempsey and Helen Slater share a bedroom (814458)
1.55 Nijinsky (1980). Biopic of the Russian ballet dancer. With Alan Bates (32674941)
4.00 Naked Tango (1991). A tale of forbidden love (76083). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Innocents (1961): Spooky thriller with Deborah Kerr (13785182)
8.00 On the Beach (1959, b/w): Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner survive a nuclear holocaust. With Fred Astaire (16090250)
10.15 My Bloody Valentine (1981): A crazed miner decides to cull the local teenage population (720453). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Girl He Left Behind (1956): Tab Hunter is drafted into the army (37637)
8.00 The Distant Home (1990): A suburban Australian family discovers that their daughter is to become ruler of the galaxy (76705)
10.00 Only Angels Have Wings (1939, b/w): Showgirl Jean Arthur upsets the machismo world of pilot Cary Grant (90724)
12.00 The Tall T (1957): Randolph Scott and Maureen O'Sullivan in a stirring oater, based on a story by Elmore Leonard (94250)
1.30pm King Lear (1971): Paul Scofield plays Shakespeare's monarch (344095)
4.00 The Distant Home (as 8am) (2182)
6.00 The Fire in the Stone (1985): Three teenagers search for stolen opals (46927)
8.00 Back to the Streets of San Francisco (1992): Karl Malden tracks his partner's (Michael Douglas) killer (18144)
10.00 Pyrates (1991): Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick set Chicago alight (991521)
11.35 One Good Cop (1991). Detective Michael Keaton is forced to support his partner's three orphaned daughters (845163)
1.20am Falling from Grace (1991): Singer-songwriter John Mellencamp's directorial debut about family conflict (409841)
3.00 The Dark Wind (1992): Lou Diamond Phillips investigates a plane crash in this supernatural thriller (6740800). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (58811) **7.30** Soccer (9381250) **7.45** WWF Challenge (9431637) **8.30** Drag Racing (53892) **9.00** Prime Bodies (44144) **9.30** Get Your Handicap Down (70057) **10.00** Adventure Sport (33502) **11.00** Test Match Cricket Highlights (3301521) **3.00** Live Test Match Cricket (974250) **5.30** Soccer (631366) **5.45** Live Test Match Cricket (58603811) **10.30** Soccer (749989) **10.45** Boot Room (567786) **11.45** French Football (596298) **12.45-1.15am** Sportsworld (934019)

EUROSPORT
6.00am Olympic News (77095) **6.30** Olympic Morning (39298) **7.00** Figure Skating (98298) **8.30** Cross-Country Skiing (500724) **11.00** Freestyle Skiing (59927) **11.30** Alpine Skiing (46960) **1.00pm** Cross Country Skiing (97724) **2.00** Ice Hockey (980298) **4.30** Olympic News (1576502) **5.15** Ice Hockey (8403724) **6.00** Short Track Speedskating and Medal Award Ceremony (8480250) **9.30** Ice Hockey (78618) **10.30** Olympic News (89453) **11.00** News (41908) **11.30** Ice Hockey (58960) **1.30am** Olympic News (78564) **2.00** News (86545) **2.30** Short Track Speedskating and Freestyle Skiing (34729) **4.00** Ice Hockey (92039) **5.00** Olympic Morning (65800) **5.30-6.00** News (20632)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (4112927) **7.30** Neighbours (4191434) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4581521) **8.30** EastEnders (4580892) **9.00** The Bill (4571144) **9.30** The Onedin Line (4129347) **10.30** Bergerac (1908279) **11.30** The Sullivans (4716163) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4591908) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1704892) **1.00** EastEnders (4111298) **1.30** The Bill (1703163) **2.00** Robin's Nest (2608279) **2.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5053057) **3.00** Dallas (2411163) **3.55** The Colbys (4342724) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3715434) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (95371076) **5.55** Sykes (4124298) **6.30** EastEnders (5078366) **7.00** Survivors (2026705) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo' (2688415) **8.30** Robin's Nest (2690250) **9.00** Bergerac (2024989) **10.00** The Bill (4592637) **10.30** The Innes Book of World Records (4578057) **11.00** Top of the Pops (5258892) **11.45** Dr Who (4105724) **12.05am** FILM: The Leopard Man (1943, b/w). An escaped leopard is blamed for a series of murders (52617729) **1.15** Video Bites (7786767) **2.00-7.00** Shopping at Night (4059182)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (93057) **6.30** Bobobobs (11989) **7.00** Paddy (4866095) **7.15** Gravedale High (379163) **7.45** Pugwall (378434) **8.15** Head to Head (9424453) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (95892) **9.00** It's Drooibee Time (56255) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (40989) **11.00** RatKan II (86231) **11.30** Bobobobs (57960) **12.00** Paddy (5003328) **12.15pm** Madeline (984144) **12.45** Pugwall (983415) **1.15** Head to Head (23526892) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (15144) **2.00** Madeline (9279) **2.30** New Shoe People (5985618) **2.45** Baber (903279) **3.15** RatKan II (3318415) **3.20** News (2710347) **3.40** Rude Dog (6089521) **3.55** Head to Head (5278521) **4.00** McGee and Me (1502) **4.30** T-Rex (7786)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Speed Racer (56453) **7.30** Guts (35960) **8.00** Rugrats (52163) **8.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (51434) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (42786) **9.30** Kablooey (23417) **10.00** Eureeka's Castle (26724) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (71298) **11.00** The Banana Sandwich (22873) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (23502) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (55250) **12.30pm** Wisdom of the Gnomes (72415) **1.00** The Banana Sandwich (55724) **1.30** Janosch's Dream (71786) **2.00** Wild Side Show (8521) **2.30** Out of Control (6892) **3.00** Get the Picture (4328) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (8637) **4.00** Speed Racer (7144) **4.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3328) **5.00** *Clarissa Explains It All* (9873) **5.30** Guts (7908) **6.00** Rugrats (7521) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (80434)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm *The Global Family* (5075279) **4.30** Durrell in Russia (5064163) **5.00** Volcanoscapes (2326637) **5.50** Encyclopedia Galactica: Jupiter (5520892) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4965618) **7.00** Traveller's Guide to the Orient (2600637) **7.30** Big City Metro (5065892) **8.00** Terra X (2686057) **8.30** Pirates (2698892) **9.00** Elite Forces (2015231) **10.00** Wildside (2025618) **11.00-12.00** *The Last Cowboys* (4196989)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Tender Comrade (1943, b/w) Wartime drama about five women (3724453) **2.00pm** FILM. Swing Time (1936, b/w): Musical comedy (2289637) **3.45** Ari Linkletter (25952160) **4.00** The Flying Nun (5062705) **4.30** My Three Sons (5068989) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (2617927) **5.30** Donny and Marie Show (5082569) **6.00** Saber of London (5072182) **6.30** The Man from Interpol (5063434) **7.00** Yancy Derringer (2697163) **7.30** Duffy's Tavern (5069618) **8.00** The Avengers (2022521) **9.00** FILM: Plan 9 from Outer Space (1956). Aliens plot to conquer the earth (4721095) **10.30** The *Cobblers of Umbridge* (4596453) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (4725811) **11.30** Twilight Zone (3700873)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (3656124) **8.00** Family Affairs (1622298) **8.30** Bon Voyage (1621569) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6867892) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4764298) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (5627142) **11.30** Madhur Jaffrey (3990724) **12.00** Stars and Signs (77631637) **12.15pm** Practical Living (58550908) **12.30** Housecalls (9871618) **1.00** Bazaar (5105637) **1.30** Bon Voyage (9670989) **2.00** Agony Hour (4765927) **3.00** Living (7848366) **3.45** Gladrags (69437502) **4.00** Definition (1489415) **4.30** Infatuation (1418927) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (6159273) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5133250) **5.45** Kilroy (3925714) **6.30** Delia Smith (1480144) **7.00** Maternal World (2759417) **7.30** That's Amore (1486328) **8.00** Young and Restless (2926347) **9.00** FILM. For Ladies Only (1981). An actor becomes an exotic dancer (2929434) **11.00** That's Amor (3981076) **11.30** Infatuation (4753182) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (7056980)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Big Brother Jake (3231) **5.30** Black Stallion (1366) **6.00** The Wonder Years (8279) **6.30** *Family Catchphrase* (2231) **7.00** All Clued Up (3095) **7.30** The Pyramid Game (8415) **8.00** Cats Eyes (14366) **9.00** Lou Grant (94502) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (41827) **10.30** Evening Shade (83057) **11.00** Remington Steele (41618) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (90922)

MTV
6.00am Wild Side (71182) **8.00** VJ Ingo (741279) **11.00** Soul (55811) **12.00** Hits (37366) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (505144) **3.30** Report (6093095) **3.45** Movies (6080250) **4.00** News (6406453) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6496076) **4.30** Dial MTV (9144) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (89231) **7.00** Hits (22796) **8.00** Most Wanted (75163) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (38095) **10.00** Report (542540) **10.15** Movies (547095) **10.30** News (381989) **10.45** 3 from 1 (379144) **11.00** Party Zone (53637) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (86960) **2.00** Videos (5981800)

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6.00am Persian Dawn (84811) **7.00** Regional News (52724) **7.30** Asian Morning (31231) **8.00** Hindi News (90347) **8.30** Urdu News (8422827) **8.45** English News (7977732) **9.00** Barzekh (99231) **10.00** FILM: Dil Tujko Diya (470279) **1.00pm** Manoranjan (51095) **1.30** FILM: Hathi Mere Sathi (364144) **4.30** Kiddie Time (7540) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (9892) **7.00** Ba Adab Ba Mulhaiza (70908) **8.00** English News (938637) **8.15** FILM: Cobra (87575724) **11.15** Feera (169279) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (8849835) **1.35** Sight and Sound (35674816)

TNT
Theme: Marjorie Main Birthday Tribute
7.00pm Wyoming (1940, b/w): Outlaws are tempted to go straight (21752502)
8.40 Jackass Mail (1942, b/w). A fugitive becomes a hero (85619786)
10.10 Mrs O'Malley and Mr Malone (1950). Lively farce in which a couple meet on a train and solve a murder (42640873)
11.30 Barnacle Bill (1941, b/w): Marjorie Main pursues Wallace Beery (21620502)
1.15pm Big Jack (1949) Main and Beery as thieves in colonial America (13873212)
2.50 Rationing (1944, b/w). Wallace Beery and Donald Meek in a wartime comedy about a butcher (76526106). Ends at **5.00**

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England's troubles against fast bowling continue in first Test

Hick keeps West Indies waiting

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent in Kingston, Jamaica

THE graduation of Graeme Hick as a Test match batsman of substance borrowed precious time for a condemned England side here yesterday as they pieced back together the purpose and conviction that this game has so rudely shattered.

Only the most intrepid of gamblers would have wagered anything on this first Test requiring its final day as the fourth began with England still 93 runs adrift, four specialist batsmen having fallen during the stormy final session on Monday.

Hick, however, ensured that the cause was not lost without delay and defiance. In the bravest and best innings of his frustrating England career, Hick kept West Indies in the field long into an afternoon of high tension and 90°F temperatures until, four runs short of a century none could begrudge him, he was caught at second slip off Kenny Benjamin.

The ridicule which has greeted his hitherto awkward attempts to conquer short-pitched bowling at this level has hurt Hick more than he would admit, and he has responded by withdrawing broodily into an already introverted nature. After this innings, he can and should hold up his head, for it was only by banishing negative thoughts and imposing his true batting instincts that he prospered where others had perished.

Such premature demands were made of Hick, by virtue of his phenomenal success while waiting for Test eligibility, that his achievements were never going to be fairly measured. By any standards, for instance, his Test record over the past year makes impressive reading. Yet still, there have been many eager to decry him, even as recently as this week.

His batting here is worthy of the highest tributes, for he came in on Monday evening at the pivotal point of Robin Smith's dismissal. The courageous Atherton soon left him and, by then, it was plain that on Hick alone rested the burden of English hopes. This time, he was equal to the challenge and no blame could attach to the enigmatic Zimbabwean for England's predicament.

Realistically, England's best hope yesterday lay not with Hick but with the weather. When rain sweeps down off the Blue Mountains, it takes some shifting. Three years ago, Australia were denied a possible win by a day of such weather and, in 1990, England's historic victory here was gained only after the fourth day had been completely lost.

Mockingly, though, the skies were bluer and the sun hotter than on any morning of the tour as the match resumed with a curious double, Courtney Walsh bowling to his Gloucestershire vice-captain, Jack Russell, and Kenny Benjamin to his erstwhile Worcestershire team-mate, Hick.

Any more of the aggression of Monday would surely have been irresistible, but instead there was a relatively tranquil phase in which the bowling was challenging without threatening to overwhelm England.

Curtly Ambrose, most unusually, was kept waiting for his first bowl of the day, which might conceivably have been a piece of psychology, and by the time he was beckoned for the seventh over, a pattern was established.

The pitch, which had been at its best on the second and third days, was now inclined to keep regularly but not reliably low. Wise to this, the four West Indians pounded the ball in short and gave a thorough and revealing test to both the reflexes of the batsmen and to the unsatisfactory regulation on short-pitched bowling.

Under this experimental law, due for revision or abolition later this year, a bouncer is judged not on intent to injure or intimidate but on the sole criterion that it must pass above the shoulder height of the batsman. On a pitch playing as yesterday's did, the umpires were obliged to rule that a sequence of balls which either hit the batsman, or forced evasive action, were not bouncers at all. So much for the moans of the West Indians that their bowlers have been hamstrung by administration.

Hick passed the test capably and so, for a time, did the fidgeting Russell, until the latter chipped a full length ball from Winston Benjamin to square leg, where Jimmy Adams had only just been stationed.

Hick announced his well-being with two cover-driven fours, drilled with the certainty so familiar to patrons of New Road, but England were to suffer a second reversal before lunch. Graham Thorpe's tendency to bring the bat down crookedly was again his undoing, a yorker from Winston Benjamin sneaking through his defences.

The ignominy of defeat by an innings was averted by another four from Hick who, by lunch, had equalled the 75 runs he managed against West Indies in the first four Tests of his career. Plainly, it remained insufficient and the best possible sight for the supporters who had cheered him off the field at the interval was of Hick, in position early, hooking Ambrose in front of square for four on the resumption.

A further 58 were added for the seventh wicket, extending the lead to 40, but the second new ball was always going to be decisive. Its ninth delivery removed Chris Lewis, leg before to a previously subdued Ambrose, and Kenny Benjamin then capitalised with the wickets of Hick and Igglesden as the inevitable drew near.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Hick hooks Kenny Benjamin during his defiant innings of 96 in the first Test against West Indies at Sabina Park yesterday

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings 234 (A J Stewart 70, M A Atherton 55; K C G Benjamin 6 for 66).

Second Innings

*M A Atherton c Adams b Walsh (112min, 78 balls, 4 fours)	28
A J Stewart run out (41min, 27 balls, 2 fours)	19
R A Smith c Murray b Walsh (19min, 12 balls)	2
G A Hick c sub b K Benjamin (306min, 187 balls, 12 fours)	96
M P Maynard c Murray b W Benjamin (4min, 3 balls)	0
†R C Russell c Adams b W Benjamin (75min, 55 balls, 3 fours)	32
G P Thorpe b W Benjamin (51min, 41 balls, 2 fours)	14
C C Lewis lbw b Ambrose (69 balls, 7 fours)	21
A R Caddick not out (68min, 44 balls, 4 fours)	27
A P Igglesden c Adams b K Benjamin (10 balls)	0
D E Malcolm not out (23min, 11 balls, 1 four)	10
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 1, w 1)	6
Total (9 wkts)	257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-39, 3-58, 4-63, 5-126, 155, 7-213, 8-226, 9-228

BOWLING: Ambrose 23-4-57-1 (6-1-14-0, 2-1-4-0, 5-0-18-0); Walsh 23-6-59-2 (14-3-35-2, 3-0-15-0). W Benjamin 18-3-46-3 (8-2-21-1, 10-1-25-2); K Benjamin 17-2-56-2 (nb1) (6-0-24-0, 5-0-21-0), Adams 2-0-9-0 (1-0-1-0, 1-0-8-0); Simmons 3-1-4-0 (one spell).

WEST INDIES: First Innings 407 (K L T Arthurton 126, J C Adams 95 not out, B C Lara 83)

Umpires I D Robinson (Zimbabwe) and S A Buckner (West Indies).

Match referee: S M Gavaskar.

Cup switch offers Blackburn chance to close gap

By Peter Ball

THE snow that caused the postponement of the second leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final between Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United at Hillsborough last night might yet offer some hope to Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn Rovers manager, after his team's failure to close the gap at the top of the FA Carling Premiership to four points on Tuesday.

United, who won the first leg 1-0 at Old Trafford, will instead travel to Hillsborough next Wednesday, causing them to rearrange their Premiership match with Southampton for a second time. The change offers Blackburn another chance to haul back United's lead after they left Norwich, where they drew 2-2, cursing their luck — or, in Dalglish's case, the referee. United will also have to find a new date for their match against Arsenal at Highbury, which was due to be played on the day they meet Bristol City or Charlton Athletic in the FA Cup sixth round.

If they reach both finals without replays they will have to play 19 matches in ten weeks, beginning with the visit to West Ham on Saturday. Compared with the demands made upon several teams in the past that hardly constitutes a crisis, as Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has insisted all along.

Further postponements or replays could introduce worries about the fixture schedule if United continue to progress on all fronts. But Ken Ramsden, the assistant secretary, said yesterday: "We have no complaints about the postponement. As a successful top club we must expect these fixture switches, and we are happy to play anyone when we are told to."

The undersoil heating at Hillsborough ensured that the pitch was playable, but the decision to postpone the game was taken because of the travelling conditions for the supporters from Manchester, with most cross-Pennine routes blocked or severely restricted. The spectator areas in the ground were also affected by snow and ice.

"It is a disappointment and an anti-climax," Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, said, "but it is something we have to accept."

Harding makes entertaining but flawed start



Harding: in arrears

From Michael Coleman in Hamar, Norway

TONYA Harding made her much-awaited entrance into the women's Olympic figure-skating competition with an entertaining but flawed technical programme last night.

The American faulted on her combination jump, being obliged to insert a step between the opening triple lutz and the following double toe loop. The rest was flowing and of the high quality one would expect of a United States champion but she was outskated by Katarina Witt, for one, and goes into the free skating tomorrow in considerable arrears. Perhaps Harding will call on her triple axel to rescue her attempt.

Witt, who again appeared without a skirt in her Robin Hood costume and thus risked a mark deduction, did all the elements cleanly but the former double Olympic champion's choice of jump combinations, using the easy triple toe loop, kept her technical marks low, mostly 5.2.

Immediately behind her, Lyudmila Ivanova, of Ukraine, representing the present generation, exposed the German's limitations with her opening combination, using the lutz, but later she failed in the double axel, catching her toe rake before take-off. The Swiss spinning wonder, Nathalie Krieg, went cautiously into her opening axel and paid for it. After that, however, a sheer bravura performance on ice and a closing Bielmann spin was a work of art.

Laetitia Hubert, of France, will get it right one day. The former world junior champion has such silky smooth jumping, it is a pity she invariably botches up something, last night the combination.

The technical programme, which consisted of eight elements, carried a one-third of the total mark. The elements for women are: double axel, another double jump, a combination consisting of two double jumps or a double and a triple jump, a flying spin, a layback or sideways spin, a spin combination with one foot change and at least two position changes and two step sequences, one of them of spirals.

The order in which the skaters executed each element did not matter, though the jumps are usually spread out to give balance. Deductions were made for elements missed or faulted.

Two marks are given, one for technical merit — how each element was performed — the other for artistic impression, which evaluates the overall programme. Finer points the judges notice, but which may not be apparent to the public, either in the stadium or watching on television, are the edges from which a skater takes off and lands. Using a wrong edge would nullify the jump and the noise a skater makes while travelling.

In the closing free skating tomorrow, anything is allowed except the back somersault, at which Surya Bonaly is adept. She is the only woman who can perform this dangerous yet crowd-pleasing manoeuvre.

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24 YEAR-OLD MILLIONAIRE, CALIFORNIA.

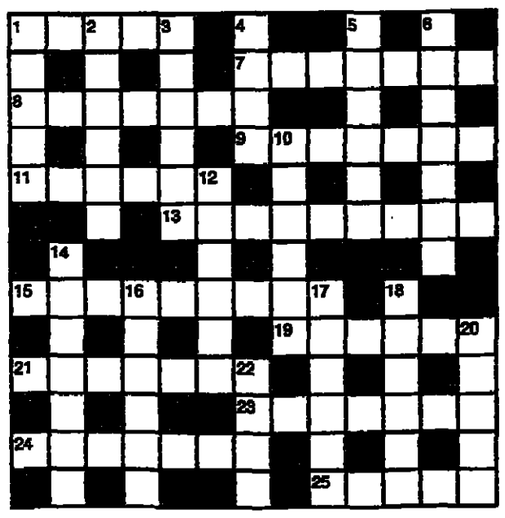


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1 Iron: urge (5)
7 Free: new record/film (7)
8 Free time (7)
9 Unaffected (7)
11 Bracket for kettle (6)
13 Basics (of skill) (9)
15 Floating home (9)
19 Affectionate (6)
21 Low wall at roof edge (7)
23 Stretch of country (7)
24 In effect so, though strictly not (7)
25 Dig, rummage (5)

DOWN
1 Plane captain (5)
2 Panacea: drink conferring immortality (6)
3 Stand for cup (6)
4 Tiny British bird (4)
5 Downpour (6)
6 Tough grass used for paper (7)
10 Creature (6)
12 Fall clumsily (6)
14 Live together (7)
16 Ancient, austere, Greek city-state (6)
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20 Parson's land (5)
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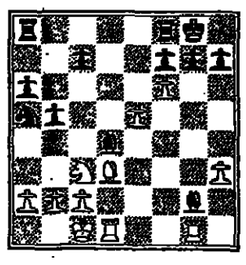
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Gallagher - Parker, Hastings Challenge 1994. If White recaptures his bishop with 1 Rxg2, then 1 ... g6 is fine for Black. Instead, White found a brilliant way to open up Black's king. What did he play?



Solution, page 41

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LEXIPHANES
a. Byzantine court librarian
b. A tapeworm
c. A pretentious speaker

MULIEBRITY
a. Mulishness
b. Inability to pronounce M
c. Womanishness

PROCELLO
a. A Mediterranean autumn storm
b. Bottle-maker's pincers
c. A body of skirmishers

RHABDOMANCY
a. Old Egyptian priesthood
b. A genus of toadstool
c. Water-divining

Answers on page 41